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P R E F A C E .

THIS is the Seventieth issue of the *Victorian Year-Book*.

The main object of the work is to show the progress made by the State during the year under review and, towards that end, the particulars appertaining to that year are compared with the years preceding. An endeavour is made to present such information as will assist legislators, publicists, and others in formulating policy for the future development of the natural resources of the State and for promoting the welfare of the people; to provide essential data for economists, sociologists, and students generally in their researches; to furnish producers with facts and figures relating to their own and allied industries, and to inform the public on matters associated with the life and industry of the people in general and of Victoria in particular.

Part I. of this Volume contains a history of the Constitution, an epitome of the Acts passed by the State Parliament during 1950, lists of members of Parliament, and details of Parliamentary elections. In Part II. details are given of the agricultural, dairying, pastoral, and forestry activities of Victoria, and Part X. records the production of factories, fisheries, and mines. Parts III., V., and XI. contain statistics relating to births; marriages, deaths, law, crime, education, charitable institutions, and other cognate subjects. In Parts VI. and IX. particulars appear of the revenue and expenditure of the Government, of Local Government, semi-Governmental and other Authorities. Parts IV. and VII. record the wealth and progress of the Community, as indicated by increases in bank deposits, in amounts assured with life offices, and the growth of the population, &c. Part VIII. deals with Commerce and Transportation. Part XII. provides a statistical summary for Victoria.

The various parts were issued as soon as completed, and the information in every part has been brought up to the latest possible date.

Some limit is placed upon the manner of presentation of statistics in the *Year-Book* by the desire to preserve comparability with former issues. If changes are made, due regard is paid to this feature, which is preserved, as far as practicable, or discarded only because a new form of presentation possesses merits which outweigh the advantage of comparability.

Although there has been no publication of the Statistical Register since the year 1916, the annual compilation of most of the matter formerly contained therein has been continued and it is, therefore, possible to supply much statistical information in greater detail than appears in this *Year-Book*.

Many persons have co-operated in the preparation of this book, and to all of them I take this opportunity of expressing my thanks and appreciation. In particular, I desire to acknowledge the co-operation of the Commonwealth Statistician and his staff.

Responsible officers of Commonwealth and State Government Departments, Boards, Commissions, and Municipal and semi-Governmental Authorities have supplied information and in many ways assisted. The Police of Victoria, by whom the annual collection of statistics relating to primary and secondary industries is effected, have carried out their task in a highly satisfactory manner. Primary producers, manufacturers, principal officers of Banks and Insurance Companies, and many others have shown, by their ready willingness to furnish particulars relating to their industries, their appreciation of the value to the community of the publication of reliable statistics.

Every care has been taken to keep the work free from errors, but if any be observed by readers, notification regarding them would be appreciated.

Finally, I must pay a tribute to the members of my staff for their valuable work in the assembly, preparation, and checking of the material and supervision of the publication of this work. Special acknowledgment is due also to the Government Printer and his staff.

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PART I.

GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION, AREA, AND CLIMATE.

**Area of
Victoria.**

Victoria is situated at the south-eastern extremity of the Australian continent, of which it occupies about a thirty-fourth part, and contains about 87,884 square miles, or 56,245,760 acres. The following islands, together with a number of small islands around the coast and in the bays and inlets, are included in its territory:—Phillip, French, Churchill, and Elizabeth islands in Western Port Bay; Snake, Little Snake, and Sunday islands at Corner Inlet; and Lady Julia Percy island off the coast near Port Fairy. The areas in acres of these islands are—Phillip, 24,320; French, 42,000; Churchill, 140; Elizabeth, 64; Snake, 11,500; Little Snake, 1,240; Sunday, 2,640; and Lady Julia Percy, 650. Victoria is bounded on the north and north-east by New South Wales, from which it is separated by the River Murray, and by a straight line running in a south-easterly direction from a place near the head-waters of that stream, called The Springs, on Forest Hill, to Cape Howe. The total length of this boundary, following the windings of the Murray River from the South Australian border along the Victorian bank to the Indi River, thence by the Indi or Murray River to Forest Hill and thence by the straight line from Forest Hill to Cape Howe, is 1,175 miles. The length of the Murray River forming part of the boundary is 997 miles, of the Indi or Murray River, 68 miles, and of the straight line from Forest Hill to Cape Howe, 110 miles. On the west it is bounded by South Australia; on the south and south-east its shores are washed by the Southern Ocean, Bass Strait, and the Pacific Ocean. It lies approximately between the 34th and 39th parallels of south latitude and the 141st and 150th meridians of east longitude. Its greatest length from east to west is about 493 miles, its greatest breadth about 290 miles, and its extent of coast-line 980 miles, including the length around Port Phillip Bay 164 miles, Western Port 90 miles, and Corner Inlet 50 miles. Great Britain, inclusive of the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands, contains 89,041 square miles, and is therefore slightly larger than Victoria.

The most southerly point of Wilson's Promontory, in latitude 39 deg. 8 min. S., longitude 146 deg. 26 min. E., is the southernmost point of Victoria and likewise of the Australian continent; the northernmost point is where the western boundary of the State meets the Murray, latitude 34 deg. 2 min. S., longitude 140 deg. 58 min. E.; the point furthest east is Cape Howe, situated in latitude 37 deg. 31 min. S., longitude 149 deg. 59 min. E. The westerly boundary lies upon the meridian 140 deg. 58 min. E., and extends from latitude 34 deg. 2 min. S. to latitude 38 deg. 4 min. S., a distance of 280 miles.

Climate. The climate of Victoria is characterized by warm summers, rather cold winters, and rain in all months with a maximum in winter or spring. The heaviest rainfall occurs in the north-eastern mountain region, along the Central Divide, and in the Cape Otway Ranges where the annual average amounts to 60 inches or more in some localities. Amounts decrease towards the north-west, the driest area being the North-western Mallee where the annual average is 10 to 12 inches.

Mean temperatures in midsummer (January) range from less than 65 deg. in the south to just over 75. deg. in the north-west, corresponding means of the daily maxima being under 75 deg. in the far south and over 90 deg. in the far north-west. In midwinter (July) the mean temperature is generally below 50 deg., mean of the night minima being below 40 deg. except in coastal regions. In the eastern mountain region mean temperatures may be as much as 10 deg. lower than the figures quoted above. Temperatures of over 110 deg. are not uncommon in the north in summer and severe frosts occur in winter, more particularly from June to August in the lower level country, but occasionally, in some districts, as early as April and as late as October. The highest temperature recorded in the shade in any part of the State was 123.5 deg. at Mildura on 6th January, 1906, and the lowest 9 deg. on Mount Hotham on 30th July, 1931, and on 13th August, 1947. This station, however, is 5,776 feet above sea level. The lowest recorded at approximately sea level was 19 deg. at Bairnsdale on 16th August, 1896.

The relative humidity in Victoria is usually low in hot weather, though warm humid conditions may occasionally be experienced in summer. The average 3 p.m. relative humidity in January is below 30 per cent. in Northern Victoria, but south of the divide increases towards the coast from 40 to over 75 per cent. at Wilson's Promontory and Gabo Island.

Prevailing winds are southerly from November to February inclusive, with a moderate percentage of northerlies often associated with high temperatures. Considerable fluctuations of temperature occur with changes of wind in the summer months. Northerly or

westerly winds predominate from March to October inclusive. Snow falls on the mountains in the winter and spring months, but is of rare occurrence in low level parts of the State.

At Melbourne the highest shade temperature recorded in the 95 years ended 1949 was 114·1 deg. Fahr. on 13th January, 1939, and the lowest 27 deg. on 21st July, 1869. On the average, temperatures of 90 deg. or over are recorded on nineteen days per year and over 100 deg. on four days per year. Night temperatures fall below 32 deg. on about two nights per year and remain above 70 deg. also on only two nights per year.

High wet bulb temperatures are infrequent, such temperatures exceeding 75 deg. on only about two occasions in three years. The average relative humidity of the atmosphere on a summer afternoon is 50 per cent. but on very warm days it may fall to 10 per cent. or lower: in June and July in the morning it is 82 or 83 per cent. Fogs occur on four or five mornings per month in May, June, and July (twenty occurrences in June, 1937) and on 21 days per year. The average number of hours of sunshine per day is 5·6 and the average wind speed is 8·2 m.p.h. Gusts occasionally exceed 60 m.p.h., the highest on record being 72 m.p.h. on 30th May, 1923. Rain on the average falls on 156 days per year, the annual average amount being 25·89 inches.

Further information in regard to climatic and weather conditions will be found in part "Agriculture, &c.," of this volume.

PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY AND GEOLOGY OF VICTORIA.

An article on the "Physical Geography and Geology of Victoria," by Mr. W. Baragwanath, Director of Victorian Geological Survey, was published in the *Year-Book* for 1927-28 on pages 20 to 30, and addenda thereto appear in subsequent issues of the *Year-Book*.

MOUNTAINS AND HILLS, RIVERS AND LAKES.

Mountains and Hills.

The highest mountain in Victoria is Mount Bogong, situated in the county of the same name, 6,509 feet above sea-level; the next highest peaks are—Mount Feathertop, 6,306 feet; Mount Nelson 6,170 feet; Mount Fainter 6,160 feet; Mount Hotham, 6,100 feet; Mount McKay, 6,030 feet; and Mount Cope, 6,027 feet; all situated in the same county; also the Cobboras, 6,030 feet, situated between the counties of Benambra and Tambo. These, so far as is known, are the only peaks which exceed 6,000 feet in height, although, according to a list which was published in the *Year-Book* for 1915-16, there are 39 peaks between 5,000 and 6,000 feet high, and 40 between 4,000 and 5,000 feet high. It is known, moreover, that there are many peaks rising

to upwards of 4,000 feet above the level of the sea whose actual heights have not yet been determined. Although, during the winter, the peaks and higher plateaus are covered with snow, it is not perpetual and disappears during the spring.

Rivers.

The Rivers of the State form two main systems—those flowing north into or toward the Murray River and those flowing south toward the sea. The chief use of these streams is as suppliers of water for irrigation to towns and townships, and for domestic and stock purposes, either by direct diversion or after storage in reservoirs. Owing to the variability of the season and the absence of perpetual snow, the flows vary greatly from season to season and from year to year. The largest stream in Australia is the Murray, which forms the northern boundary of the State and has a total length of 1,609 miles, of which 1,211 miles are along the border. Its waters, under an Interstate agreement, are shared by New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia. The longest and one of the most reliable streams in Victoria is the Goulburn, which enters the Murray near Echuca. The average annual flow of the Goulburn is 2,300,000 acre feet, and it has varied from 6,200,000 acre feet in 1917 to 567,000 in 1914. Other streams show more variation, thus the Loddon, which is next in length to the Goulburn, has an average flow of 164,000 acre feet but has varied from 600,000 acre feet in 1893 to 6,900 in 1940; even greater variation has occurred with the Campaspe River, ranging from 554,000 acre feet in 1917 to 700 acre feet in 1944.

Prior to the construction of railways throughout the State, the Goulburn and the Murray in the north and the Latrobe, Mitchell, Tambo, and Snowy in Gippsland were used to some extent for navigation in their lower reaches, but the only remaining river traffic is that on the Murray below Swan Hill. The tidal portion of the Yarra River, which forms part of the port of Melbourne, is used extensively by shipping.

Lakes.

Victoria contains numerous lakes and lagoons. These have been added to by the aforementioned water supply reservoirs, several of which, both in size and beauty, compare most favourably with the natural lakes. The lakes have various origins; some, such as Corangamite and Colac in the south-west, are of volcanic origin; others, such as the Kerang Lakes, form part of old river courses and are filled at flood periods. On the other hand the Gippsland Lakes form an estuary for a number of rivers, and are separated from the sea by only a narrow belt of sand dunes.

The main lakes formed by reservoirs are at Eildon, Nagambie, and Waranga in the Goulburn River system, at the Hume, Yarrawonga, Torrumbarry, and Mildura on the Murray River, at

Laanecoorie on the Loddon River, at Malmsbury on the Coliban River, at Glenmaggie on the Macallister River, at Melton on the Werribee River and at Lonsdale and Wartook in the Grampians Mountains. In addition, there are reservoirs at Yan Yean, Toorourrong, Maroondah, O'Shannassy, and Silvan. These are the five main storage basins contributing to the metropolitan water supply system.

A list of mountains and hills, rivers, and lakes in Victoria was published in the *Victorian Year-Book* for 1915-16. This list contains information in regard to heights, lengths, and areas respectively.

FLORA OF VICTORIA.

An article on the "Flora of Victoria" by Mr. J. W. Audas, F.L.S., F.R.M.S., National Herbarium, Melbourne, was published in the *Year-Book* 1927-28 on pages 3 to 19, and addenda thereto in subsequent issues of the *Year-Book*.

Lists compiled by Mr. A. W. Jessep, M.Agr.Sc., B.Sc., Dip.Ed., Director of Botanic Gardens and Government Botanist, showing those pteridophytes and monocotyledons, and dicotyledons which had not been recorded for this State before June, 1941, appeared in the *Year-Books* 1945-46 and 1946-47, respectively.

THE FAUNA OF VICTORIA.

An article on the "Fauna of Victoria," by the late T. S. Hall, M.A., D.Sc. (University of Melbourne), and Mr. J. A. Kershaw, F.Z.S., Curator of the National Museum, Melbourne, was published in the *Year-Book* for 1916-17, and addenda thereto by Mr. Kershaw in the *Year-Books* for 1918-19 and 1920-21. Additional notes on this subject by Mr. D. Mahony, M.Sc., Director of the National Museum, Melbourne, were published in the *Year-Book* for 1931-32.

Other articles on the fauna of Victoria by members of the Museum staff have appeared in previous issues of the *Year-Book*. The titles of the articles, the names of the contributors, and the year of publication were published in the *Year-Book* for 1941-42, page 13.

THE HISTORY OF VICTORIA.

An article on this subject contributed by Professor Ernest Scott, late Professor of History in the University of Melbourne, was published in the *Year-Book* for 1916-17, pages 1 to 31.

CHRONOLOGICAL TABLE OF LEADING EVENTS.

A chronological table of leading events connected with the discovery and the history of Victoria for the years 1770 to 1934 inclusive, was published in the *Year-Book* for 1933-34. Since then the principal happenings of the year in the State have been recorded in the *Year-Book* relating thereto.

Some of the principal events in Victorian and Australian history for the period 1st July, 1949, to 30th June, 1950, were as follow :—

1949.

- 6th July .. High Court ruled that the National Emergency (Coal Strike) Act, freezing union funds, is invalid.
- 26th July .. Commonwealth appeal to Privy Council on Banking Act disallowed.
- 27th July .. A state of emergency throughout Victoria in relation to sea and land transport, fuel, light, and power, proclaimed by the State Government.
- 4th August .. Death of Sir Alan Newton, noted Australian surgeon.
- 11th August .. End of seven weeks general coal strike.
- 29th August .. Cr. J. S. Disney installed as Lord Mayor of Melbourne for a second term.
- 30th August .. Outbreak of poliomyelitis in Victoria reached epidemic proportions.
- 2nd September .. Death, in Sydney, of Mr. John Albert Beasley, Australian High Commissioner in London.
- 7th October .. Full High Court declared invalid section of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Act compelling doctors to administer free medicine.
- 18th October .. Arrival and swearing in of Sir Dallas Brooks, new Governor of Victoria.
- 8th November .. Act passed providing for the constitution of the Latrobe Valley Development Advisory Committee.
- 10th December .. Commonwealth elections held. Defeat of the Chifley Government.

1950.

- 10th January .. Opening of the Conference of British Commonwealth Foreign Ministers.
- 13th January .. Appointment of Mr. R. R. Sholl, K.C., as a Judge of the Victorian Supreme Court.
- 3rd February .. Appointment of Mr. Justice Fullager to the High Court Bench.
- 7th February .. Appointment of Mr. J. W. Smith, K.C., as a Judge of the Victorian Supreme Court.
- 8th February .. Dame Enid Lyons presided at a Commonwealth Executive Council meeting, being the first woman to do so.
The Prime Minister announced the end of petrol rationing.
- 23rd February .. Tram strike in Melbourne commenced.
- 6th March .. Royal Commission on Communism ended (duration 154 days).
- 12th April .. Hollway Government resigned.
- 14th April .. Death of Sir Albert Dunstan, former Premier of Victoria.
- 24th April .. End of the 59 days' tramway strike in Melbourne.
- 13th May .. Legislative Assembly elections held in Victoria.
- 24th May .. Death of Field-Marshal Lord Wavell, Commander in Western Desert in World War II.
- 5th June .. Railway strike throughout Victoria (1 day).

- 8th June .. Sir Thomas Blamey promoted to Field-Marshal, being the first Australian to achieve this rank.
- 23rd June .. Commonwealth Legislation passed for payment of Child Endowment for the first or only child.
- 25th June .. Resignation of the Hon. T. T. Hollway as Premier of Victoria.
- 27th June .. The Hon. J. G. B. McDonald sworn in as Premier of Victoria.

CONSTITUTION AND GOVERNMENT.

Constitutional History.

Regular Government of the district of Port Phillip, then part of the Crown Colony of New South Wales, was first established in 1836, when Captain Lonsdale was sent from Sydney to act as Resident Magistrate. On 1st July, 1851, following upon an Act of the Imperial Parliament, dated 5th August, 1850, and entitled "An Act for the better Government of Her Majesty's Australian Colonies", the district of Port Phillip was separated from New South Wales and erected into and formed a separate colony known and designated as the Colony of Victoria. Pursuant to that Act, the Governor and Legislative Council of New South Wales passed the Victoria Electoral Act of 1851, which provided that the Legislative Council of Victoria should consist of 30 members, 10 to be appointed by Her Majesty and 20 to be elected.

In 1852 the Imperial Government invited each of the Australian Colonies to frame such a Constitution for its government as its representatives might deem best suited to its own peculiar circumstances.* The Constitution framed in Victoria, approved by the British Parliament and proclaimed in Victoria on the 23rd November, 1855, was avowedly based upon that of the United Kingdom. It provided for the establishment of two Houses of Legislature with power "to make laws, in and for Victoria in all cases whatsoever," subject to the assent of the Crown as represented generally by the Governor of the Colony; the Legislative Council, or Upper House, to consist of thirty, and the Legislative Assembly, or Lower House, of sixty members: members of both Houses to be elective and to possess property qualifications: electors of both Houses to possess either property or professional qualifications, the property qualification of both members and electors being lower in the case of the Assembly than in that of the Council: the Council not to be dissolved, but five members to retire every two years and to be eligible for re-election: the Assembly to be dissolved every five years, or oftener, at the discretion of the Governor: certain officers of the Government, four at least of whom should have seats in Parliament, to be deemed "Responsible Ministers": any member of either House, other than a "Responsible Minister," accepting an office of profit under the Crown to vacate his seat, but to be capable of being re-elected.

* *Vide* article on the Constitution of Victoria by Edward Carlile, Esq., Barrister at Law, Clerk Assistant of the Legislative Assembly and formerly Parliamentary Draftsman of Victoria p. 610, *et seq.*, *Year-Book* 1883-84.

Modifications of the Constitution to meet changing conditions or to improve the machinery of government were made from time to time up to 1900, the more important of which may be summarized chronologically as follow :—

1856. The ballot as a means of electing members of both Houses of Parliament prescribed by Act 19 Vict. No. 12.
1857. The property qualification of members of the Legislative Assembly abolished by Act 21 Vict. No. 12.
1857. Universal manhood suffrage for electors of the Legislative Assembly made law by Act 21 Vict. No. 33.
1858. Number of members of the Legislative Assembly increased to 78 and of electoral districts to 49.
1869. Property qualification of members and electors of the Legislative Council reduced by Act 32 Vict. No. 334.
1876. By the *Electoral Act Amendment Act* 1876 (40 Vict. No. 548) the number of electoral districts for the Legislative Assembly was increased from 49 to 55 and the number of members thereof from 78 to 86.
1881. Property qualification of members and electors of the Legislative Council further reduced, number of Provinces and members increased, and tenure of seats shortened by Act 45 Vict. No. 702.
1886. Reimbursement of the expenses of members of the Legislative Assembly in relation to their attendance in the discharge of their Parliamentary duties of £300 per annum provided for by Act No. 888.
1888. The number of members of the Legislative Council increased to 48 by Act 52 Vict. No. 995. The number of members of the Legislative Assembly increased to 95 and boundaries of Electoral Districts altered so that their number should be 84 and so that—with a few exceptions—only one member should represent each Constituency, by Act 52 Vict. No. 1008.

1899. Plural voting in the Legislative Assembly abolished by Act No. 1606.

1900. Voting by post introduced by Act No. 1701. The Act was to apply for a term of three years: subsequent Acts continued the measure to 31st December, 1910, when the Electoral Act (No. 2288) of that year made permanent provision for voting by post.

The Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act (63 and 64 Vict. Chapter 12) which constituted the Commonwealth as from the 1st January, 1901, was given the Royal assent on 9th July, 1900. This Act may be regarded as the culmination of the labours of the Federal Council constituted by the *Federal Council of Australasia Act* 1885 (48 and 49 Vict. Cap. 60). The Acts passed by the Council had force only in those colonies which were specially legislated for, until repealed by the Federal Council.

Section 106 of the *Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act* provided that, subject to that Constitution, the Constitution of each State of the Commonwealth should continue as at the establishment of the Commonwealth until altered in accordance with the Constitution of the State.

Following the inauguration of the Commonwealth, there was passed in Victoria the *Constitution Act* 1903, which provided for a reduction in the number of responsible Ministers from ten to eight, and of their total salaries from £10,400 to £8,800; in the number of members of the Legislative Council from 48 to 35 (3 years later reduced to 34), but an increase in the number of electoral provinces from 14 to 17, each being represented by two members elected for six years—one retiring every three years by rotation, except at a general election when one half of the members were to be elected for only three years. The property qualification of members of the Council was reduced from £110 to £50 as the annual value of the freehold, and that of electors qualifying as lessees or occupying tenants from an annual value of £25 to one of £15. A reduction was also made in the number of members of the Legislative Assembly from 95 to 68 (3 years later reduced to 65) and in that of the electoral districts from 84 to 65.

The Council was empowered to suggest alterations in, but not to amend, any Appropriation Bill. A remedy was provided to meet disagreements between the two Houses, viz:—The simultaneous dissolution of both Houses after a Bill had been twice submitted to and rejected by the Council once before, and once after a dissolution of the Assembly in consequence of such first rejection.

The present Constitution. Although modifications of the Constitution of 1903 have been made from time to time, its essential framework is not greatly changed. A detailed description of the present Constitution will be found in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, pages 9 to 16. The principal modifications since 1903 are as follow :—

- 1908. The *Adult Suffrage Act* 1908, No. 2185, conferred the suffrage on women aged 21 years and upwards for all elections of the Assembly, and also placed them on an equality with men at elections of the Legislative Council.
- 1910. The *Electoral Act* 1910 (No. 2288), now incorporated in The Constitution Act, provided (a) that every person of the full age of 21 years, a natural-born or naturalized subject of His Majesty, and who had resided in Victoria for the six months and in any district for one month immediately preceding the date of any electoral canvass or of his claim for enrolment, was entitled to be enrolled as an elector for the Legislative Assembly ; and (b) for voting by post at elections for the Legislative Council or Assembly.
- 1911. The system of preferential voting at elections for the Assembly was provided for by Act No. 2321. (In 1921, by Act No. 3139, this system was made applicable at elections for the Council.)
- 1920. The *Constitution Act Amendment Act* 1919 (No. 3044) provided for the payment to any member of the Assembly who is for the time being the Leader of His Majesty's Opposition (in addition to reimbursement of his expenses in relation to his attendance in the discharge of his parliamentary duties) of any sum provided by Parliament as an allowance in consideration of his services as such leader.
- 1920. The *Constitution Act Amendment Act* 1920 (No. 3118) (a) increased the amount for Ministerial salaries to £10,000 ; (b) increased the amount of reimbursement of expenses of each member of the Assembly to £500 per annum.
- 1922. The *Constitution Act Amendment Act* 1922 (No. 3218) provided for reimbursement of expenses of each member of the Council at the rate of £200 per annum.
- 1923. The *Parliamentary Elections (Women Candidates) Act* 1923 (No. 3337) provided that no woman by reason only of sex or marriage should be disqualified or disabled from or be incapable of being a candidate at any election whether for the Council or the Assembly or being elected a member of the Council or the Assembly or voting therein if elected.

1926. The *Compulsory Voting (Assembly Elections) Act* 1926 (No. 3488) made it compulsory for every elector to record his vote at every election for which he is entitled to vote. (The compulsory provision was extended to elections of the Legislative Council by the *Legislative Council Elections Act* 1935 (No. 4350)).
1927. The *Electoral (Absent Voters) Act* 1927 (No. 3525) provided for the voting by absent voters at elections for the Assembly. (This provision was extended to elections of the Council by the *Legislative Council Elections Act* 1935 (No. 4350)).
1935. The *Parliamentary Elections (Railway Employés and Civil Servants) Act* 1935 (No. 4334) allows Railway Employés and Civil Servants to contest any parliamentary election without having first to resign from the service.
1936. The *Responsible Ministers of the Crown Act* 1936 (No. 4367) increased the maximum number of salaried responsible Ministers of the Crown from eight to nine, and the maximum total amount of salaries paid to such Ministers from £10,000 to £11,250.
1937. The *Constitution (Reform) Act* 1937 (No. 4533) altered the procedure to be adopted in the event of a disagreement between the two Houses of Parliament. In addition, the qualifications of members of the Council were widened by reducing the age of qualification from 30 to 21 years, and the property qualifications from £50 to £25. The deposit required from a candidate for election to the Council was reduced from £100 to £50.
1940. The *Statute Law Revision Act* 1940 (No. 4726) by amendment of section 27 of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act* 1928 (No. 3660), as amended by section 3 of the *Members of Parliament (Disqualification) Act* 1939 (No. 4718) provided that it shall be lawful for the holders of the offices of (a) the Unofficial Leader of the Council and (b) "the Leader in the Assembly of any recognized party which consists of fifteen (amended to twelve by the *Constitution Act Amendment Act* 1942) members at least of the Assembly of which party no member is a responsible Minister of the Crown," to receive (in addition to reimbursement of their expenses in relation to their attendance in discharge of their parliamentary duties) any sum provided by Parliament as an allowance in consideration of their services in such offices.

1944. The *Constitution Act Amendment Act* 1944 provided for an allowance at the rate of £250 per annum to each of not more than three responsible Ministers of the Crown not receiving a salary as such, the allowance to be in addition to the reimbursement of his expenses in relation to his attendance in the discharge of his Parliamentary duties as a member of the Council or of the Assembly. The Act also repealed a provision penalizing members of Parliament who accept offices of profit under the Crown within six months after they cease to be members and increased the reimbursement expenses of members of the Legislative Council from £200 to £350 per annum and of members of the Legislative Assembly from £500 to £650 per annum.
1947. The *Officials in Parliament Act* 1947 (No. 5252) by amendment of Division Two, Part II., of the *Constitution Act Amendment Act* 1928, increased from nine to ten the maximum number of salaried responsible Ministers of the Crown who may sit in Parliament, and made provision with respect to allowances payable to Ministers not receiving salaries. Provision was also made for the payment of an allowance to Party and Government Whips and to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Cabinet.
1948. The *Parliamentary Salaries and Allowances Act* 1948 (No. 5296) increased the salaries, allowances and reimbursement of expenses of members of Parliament, Ministers and other Parliamentary officers. Members of the Legislative Assembly are to be paid £1,050 per annum plus £100 in the case of members elected for country and urban districts, and Members of the Legislative Council £750 per annum plus £100 in the case of members elected for country provinces. The Premier is to be paid £2,750 per annum plus £250 if he represents a country or urban electoral district plus an entertainment allowance of £500; and the other responsible Ministers are to be paid lesser amounts. The President of the Council and the Speaker of the Assembly are to be paid £1,300 and £1,500 respectively plus £100 if elected for a country or urban province or district plus an entertainment allowance of £150. The Chairman of Committees in the Assembly is to be paid £1,300, and in the Council £1,000 plus, in either case, £100 if he represents a country or urban district or province. An allowance of £500 per annum is appropriated for the Leader of the Opposition. Decreases are provided for the party and Government whips and an increase for the Parliamentary secretary to the Cabinet.

The *Parliamentary Contributory Retirement Fund Act 1948* (No. 5309), which is complementary to the *Parliamentary Salaries and Allowances Act 1948* (No. 5296), increased from £1 to £2 per fortnight the deductions to be made from members' salaries towards the Parliamentary Contributory Retirement Fund; and extended the benefits derivable from that Fund in the case of retiring allowances to members and pensions to widows of members.

The *Parliamentary Salaries and Allowances Act 1948* (No. 5349) increased the salary of the President of the Legislative Council; and provided for payment of allowances to the Unofficial Leader in the Council and to the Leader of a Third Party in the Assembly.

1949. The *Governor's Salary Act 1949* (No. 5380), which was reserved for and received the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon, increased the amount that may under The Constitution Act Amendment Acts be appropriated for the salary staff and other expenses of the Governor of Victoria.

1950. The *Legislative Council Reform Act 1950* (No. 5465) introduced adult suffrage at elections for the Legislative Council and removed the property qualifications for membership of the Council. In addition, the boundaries of electoral provinces for the Legislative Council are to be re-defined to the extent only of making the boundaries of each province correspond with boundaries of districts for the Legislative Assembly.

1950. The *Ministers of the Crown and Parliamentary Salaries Act 1950* (No. 5516) increased the salary of the Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly to £1,300, increased the maximum number of salaried responsible Ministers of the Crown from 10 to 12, of whom 4 (in lieu of 2) may sit in the Legislative Council, and reduced the maximum number of non-salaried Ministers from 3 to 2; thus the maximum number of Victorian Ministers of the Crown is now 14. The rate of reimbursement of expenses of members of the Legislative Council was raised to that of members of the Legislative Assembly, namely, £1,050 plus £100 per annum in cases of members elected for country provinces; and for both Houses provision was made for automatic adjustment of reimbursement of expenses in accordance with variations in the cost of living.

GOVERNORS OF VICTORIA.

Governors of Victoria. The following statement shows the names and periods of office of Governors, Lieutenant-Governors, &c., of Victoria since the first appointment of Mr. Charles Joseph La Trobe as Superintendent, in 1839 :—

Name.	Office.	Date of Assumption of Office.	Date of Retirement from Office.
<i>Before Responsible Government.</i>			
Charles Joseph La Trobe	Superintendent of the District of Port Phillip	30th September, 1839	15th July, 1851
John Vesey Fitzgerald Foster (acting) .. .	Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony of Victoria	15th July, 1851 ..	5th May, 1854
Captain Sir Charles Hotham, R.N., K.C.B. .. .	Officer administering the Government of the Colony of Victoria	8th May, 1854 ..	22nd June, 1854
	Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony of Victoria	22nd June, 1854 ..	21st May, 1855
<i>Since Responsible Government.</i>			
Captain Sir Charles Hotham, R.N., K.C.B. .. .	Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of the Colony of Victoria, also Vice-Admiral, Commissary, and Deputy in the office of Vice-Admiralty in the said Colony	22nd May, 1855 ..	31st December, 1855
Major-General Edward Macarthur (acting) .. .	Officer administering the Government	1st January, 1856 ..	26th December, 1856
Sir Henry Barkly, K.C.B. .. .	Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of the Colony of Victoria, and Vice-Admiral of the same	26th December, 1856 ..	10th September, 1863
Sir Charles Henry Darling, K.C.B. .. .	Governor and Commander-in-Chief	11th September, 1863 ..	7th May, 1866
Brigadier-General George Jackson Carey, C.B. (acting) .. .	Officer administering the Government	7th May, 1866 ..	15th August, 1866
The Hon. Sir John Henry Thomas Manners-Sutton, K.C.B. .. .	Governor and Commander-in-Chief	15th August, 1866 ..	2nd March, 1873
Sir William Foster Stawell, Knt. (acting) .. .	Officer administering the Government	3rd March, 1873 ..	26th March, 1873
Sir George Ferguson Bowen, G.C.M.G. .. .	Administrator of the Government	31st March, 1873 ..	30th July, 1873
	Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Victoria and its Dependencies and Vice-Admiral of the same	30th July, 1873 ..	22nd February, 1879
Sir Redmond Barry, Knt. (Acting) .. .	Administrator of the Government	1st January, 1875 ..	10th January, 1875
Sir William Foster Stawell, Knt. (Acting) .. .	Administrator of the Government	11th January, 1875 ..	14th January, 1876
The Most Hon. George Augustus Constantine Phipps, Marquis of Normanby, P.C., G.C.M.G. .. .	Administrator of the Government	27th February, 1879 ..	29th April, 1879
	Governor and Commander-in-Chief	29th April, 1879 ..	18th April, 1884

GOVERNORS OF VICTORIA—*continued.*

Name.	Office.	Date of Assumption of Office.	Date of Retirement from Office.
<i>Since Responsible Government—continued.</i>			
Sir William Foster Stawell, Knt. (Acting) ...	Administrator of the Government	18th April, 1884 ..	15th July, 1884
Sir Henry Brougham Loch, G.C.M.G., K.C.B. ...	Governor and Commander-in-Chief	15th July, 1884 ..	15th November, 1889
Sir William Foster Stawell, K.C.M.G. ...	Lieutenant-Governor	...	...
Sir William Cleaver Francis Robinson, G.C.M.G. (Acting)	Administrator of the Government	9th March, 1889 ..	17th October, 1889
		16th November, 1889 ..	27th November, 1889
The Rt. Hon. John Adrian Louis Hope, Earl of Hopetoun, G.C.M.G.	Governor and Commander-in-Chief	28th November, 1889 ..	12th July, 1895
The Hon. John Madden, LL.D. (Acting) ..	Administrator of the Government	26th January, 1893 ..	11th May, 1898
		27th March, 1895 ..	12th July, 1895
		13th July, 1895 ..	24th October, 1895
The Right Hon. Baron Brassey, K.C.B. ...	Governor and Commander-in-Chief	25th October, 1895 ..	31st March, 1900
The Hon. Sir John Madden, K.C.M.G., LL.D. ...	Administrator of the Government	29th December, 1896 ..	16th February, 1897
		27th September, 1897 ..	10th October, 1897
		23rd March, 1898 ..	21st October, 1898
	Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony of Victoria	15th January, 1900 ..	31st March, 1900
	Lieutenant-Governor of the State of Victoria	1st April, 1900 ..	2nd January, 1901
		2nd January, 1901 ..	10th December, 1901
Sir George Sydenham Clarke, K.C.M.G., F.R.S. ...	Governor of the State of Victoria	10th December, 1901 ..	24th November, 1903
The Hon. Sir John Madden, K.C.M.G., LL.D.	Lieutenant-Governor	24th November, 1903 ..	25th April, 1904
Major-General the Hon. Sir Reginald Arthur James Talbot, K.C.B.	Governor	25th April, 1904 ..	6th July, 1908
His Honour Sir Thomas a'Beckett, K.B. ...	Administrator of the Government	13th August, 1906 ..	5th September, 1906
		6th December, 1906 ..	13th December, 1906
The Hon. Sir John Madden, G.C.M.G., LL.D.	Lieutenant-Governor	20th March, 1907 ..	18th November, 1907
		6th July, 1908 ..	26th July, 1908
Sir Thomas David Gibson Carmichael, Bart., K.C.M.G.	Governor	27th July, 1908 ..	19th May, 1911
The Hon. Sir John Madden, G.C.M.G., LL.D.	Lieutenant-Governor	19th May, 1911 ..	24th May, 1911
Sir John Michael Fleetwood Fuller, Bart., K.C.M.G.	Governor	24th May, 1911 ..	31st January, 1914
The Hon. Sir John Madden, G.C.M.G., LL.D.	Lieutenant-Governor	28th August, 1913 ..	31st January, 1914
		1st February, 1914 ..	23rd February, 1914
The Hon. Sir Arthur Lyulph Stanley, K.C.M.G.	Governor	23rd February, 1914 ..	30th January, 1920
The Hon. Sir William Hill Irvine, K.C.M.G., LL.D.	Lieutenant-Governor	30th July, 1919 ..	30th January, 1920
		31st January, 1920 ..	24th February, 1921

GOVERNORS OF VICTORIA—continued.

Name.	Office.	Date of Assumption of Office.	Date of Retirement from Office.
<i>Since Responsible Government—continued.</i>			
Colonel the Right Hon. George Edward John Mowbray, Earl of Stradbroke, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.V.O., C.B.E., Aide-de-Camp to His Majesty the King	Governor	24th February, 1921 ..	7th April, 1926
The Hon. Sir William Hill Irvine, K.C.M.G., LL.D. ..	Lieutenant-Governor	1st April, 1923 ..	24th October, 1923
The Hon. Sir Leo Cussen, Kt., &c., M.A., LL.B. ..	Administrator of the Government	23rd August, 1924 ..	13th September, 1924
The Hon. Sir William Hill Irvine, K.C.M.G., LL.D. ..	Lieutenant-Governor	8th April, 1926 ..	27th June, 1926
Lieutenant-Colonel the Right Hon. Arthur Herbert Tennyson, Baron Somers, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., M.C. ..	Governor	28th June, 1926 ..	23rd June, 1931
The Hon. Sir William Hill Irvine, K.C.M.G., LL.D. ..	Lieutenant-Governor	26th April, 1929 ..	27th October, 1929
Captain the Right Hon. William Charles Arcedeckne, Baron Huntingfield, K.C.M.G. ..	Lieutenant-Governor	3rd October, 1930 ..	21st January, 1931
The Hon. Sir Frederick Wollaston Mann, K.C.M.G. ..	Lieutenant-Governor	24th June, 1931 ..	13th May, 1934
	Governor	14th May, 1934 ..	4th April, 1939
Major-General Sir Winston Joseph Dugan, G.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O. ..	Lieutenant-Governor	20th May, 1937 ..	27th September, 1937
The Hon. Sir Frederick Wollaston Mann, K.C.M.G. ..	Lieutenant-Governor	29th March, 1938 ..	23rd September, 1938
	Lieutenant-Governor	5th April, 1939 ..	16th July, 1939
	Governor	17th July, 1939 ..	20th February, 1949
Lieutenant-General the Hon. Sir Edmund Francis Herring, K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., E.D. ..	Lieutenant-Governor	12th September, 1941 ..	23rd November, 1941
	Lieutenant-Governor	28th July, 1944 ..	30th July, 1944
	Lieutenant-Governor	6th September, 1944 ..	29th January, 1945
	Lieutenant-Governor	1st February, 1946 ..	18th February, 1946
	Lieutenant-Governor	17th May, 1946 ..	23rd October, 1946
	Lieutenant-Governor	19th January, 1947 ..	11th March, 1947
General Sir Reginald Alexander Dallas Brooks, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., K. St.J. ..	Lieutenant-Governor	21st February, 1949 ..	17th October, 1949
	Governor	18th October, 1949 ..	..

NOTE.—Captain William Lonsdale, formerly of the 4th Regiment, was appointed Police Magistrate of the District of Port Phillip on 9th September, 1836, and assumed office on the 29th of the same month. In that capacity he was in charge of the District until the appointment of Mr. C. J. La Trobe as Superintendent. Subsequently, Captain Lonsdale acted as Superintendent during the temporary absence of Mr. La Trobe, who was called on to administer the Government of Tasmania from the 13th October, 1846, to the 24th January, 1847.

Ministers of the Crown 1851 to 1855. The following list shows the names of Ministers who held office from the separation of the colony from New South Wales in 1851 up to the establishment of responsible Government in 1855 :—

MINISTERS PRIOR TO RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT.

Name of Minister.	Office.	Date of Assumption of Office.
William Lonsdale	Colonial Secretary	15th July, 1851
Alastair Mackenzie	Colonial Treasurer	
Charles Hotson Ebdon	Auditor-General ..	
Robert Hoddle	Surveyor-General ..	
Alexander McCrae	Chief Postmaster ..	
William Foster Stawell	Attorney-General ..	
Redmond Barry	Solicitor-General ..	13th April, 1852 21st July, 1852 30th September, 1852 11th October, 1852 1st July, 1853 20th July, 1853 20th July, 1853 5th December, 1853 8th December, 1853 4th January, 1854 12th December, 1854
James Horatio Nelson Cassell ..	Collector of Customs	
Edward Eyre Williams	Solicitor-General ..	
James Croke	Solicitor-General ..	
Frederick Armand Powlett	Colonial Treasurer	
Hugh Culling Eardley Childers ..	Auditor-General ..	
Andrew Clarke	Surveyor-General ..	
John Vesey Fitzgerald Foster ..	Colonial Secretary	
William Lonsdale	Colonial Treasurer	
Hugh Culling Eardley Childers ..	Collector of Customs	
Edward Grimes	Auditor-General ..	
Robert Molesworth	Solicitor-General ..	
William Clark Haines	Colonial Secretary	

MINISTRIES SINCE RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT.

Ministries, 1855 to 1950. The names of the Premiers of the Governments from 1855 to 1950 are listed hereunder :—

Number of Ministry and Name of Premier.	Date of Assumption of Office.	Date of Retirement from Office.	Duration of Office.
			Days.
1. William Clark Haines	30th November, 1855	11th March, 1857 ..	468
2. John O'Shanassy ..	11th March, 1857 ..	29th April, 1857 ..	50
3. William Clark Haines	29th April, 1857 ..	10th March, 1858 ..	316
4. John O'Shanassy ..	10th March, 1858 ..	27th October, 1859	597
5. William Nicholson ..	27th October, 1859	26th November, 1860	397
6. Richard Heales ..	26th November, 1860	14th November, 1861	354
7. John O'Shanassy ..	14th November, 1861	27th June, 1863 ..	591
8. James McCulloch ..	27th June, 1863 ..	6th May, 1868 ..	1,776
9. Charles Sladen ..	6th May, 1868 ..	11th July, 1868 ..	67

MINISTRIES SINCE RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT—*continued.*

Number of Ministry and Name of Premier.	Date of Assumption of Office.	Date of Retirement from Office.	Duration of Office.
			Days.
10. James McCulloch ..	11th July, 1868 ..	20th September, 1869	437
11. John Alexander MacPherson	20th September, 1869	9th April, 1870 ..	202
12. Sir James McCulloch	9th April, 1870 ..	19th June, 1871 ..	437
13. Charles Gavan Duffy	19th June, 1871 ..	10th June, 1872 ..	358
14. James Goodall	10th June, 1872 ..	31st July, 1874 ..	782
Francis			
15. George Briscoe	31st July, 1874 ..	7th August, 1875 ..	373
Kerferd			
16. Graham Berry ..	7th August, 1875 ..	20th October, 1875	75
17. Sir James McCulloch, K.C.M.G.	20th October, 1875	21st May, 1877 ..	580
18. Graham Berry ..	21st May, 1877 ..	5th March, 1880 ..	1,020
19. James Service ..	5th March, 1880 ..	3rd August, 1880 ..	152
20. Graham Berry ..	3rd August, 1880 ..	9th July, 1881 ..	341
21. Sir Bryan O'Loughlen, Bart.	9th July, 1881 ..	8th March, 1883 ..	608
22. James Service ..	8th March, 1883 ..	18th February, 1886	1,079
23. Duncan Gillies ..	18th February, 1886	5th November, 1890	1,722
24. James Munro ..	5th November, 1890	16th February, 1892	469
25. William Shiels ..	16th February, 1892	23rd January, 1893	343
26. Sir James Brown	23rd January, 1893	27th September, 1894	613
Patterson, K.C.M.G.			
27. Sir George Turner, P.C., K.C.M.G.	27th September, 1894	5th December, 1899	1,896
28. Allan McLean ..	5th December, 1899	19th November, 1900	350
29. Sir George Turner, P.C., K.C.M.G.	19th November, 1900	12th February, 1901	86
30. Alexander James Peacock	12th February, 1901	10th June, 1902 ..	484
31. William Hill Irvine	10th June, 1902 ..	16th February, 1904	617
32. Sir Thomas Bent, K.C.M.G.	16th February, 1904	8th January, 1909	1,789
33. John Murray ..	8th January, 1909	18th May, 1912 ..	1,227
34. William Alexander Watt	18th May, 1912 ..	9th December, 1913	571
35. George Alexander Elmslie	9th December, 1913	22nd December, 1913	14
36. William Alexander Watt	22nd December, 1913	18th June, 1914 ..	179
37. Sir Alexander James Peacock, K.C.M.G.	18th June, 1914 ..	29th November, 1917	1,261
38. John Bowser ..	29th November, 1917	21st March, 1918 ..	113
39. Harry Sutherland Wightman Lawson	21st March, 1918 ..	7th September, 1923	1,997
40. Harry Sutherland Wightman Lawson	7th September, 1923	19th March, 1924 ..	195
41. Harry Sutherland Wightman Lawson	19th March, 1924 ..	28th April, 1924 ..	41
42. Sir Alexander James Peacock, K.C.M.G.	28th April, 1924 ..	18th July, 1924 ..	82

MINISTRIES SINCE RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT—*continued.*

Number of Ministry and Name of Premier.	Date of Assumption of Office.	Date of Retirement from Office.	Duration of Office.
43. George Michael Prendergast	18th July, 1924 ..	18th November, 1924	Days. 124
44. John Allan ..	18th November, 1924	20th May, 1927 ..	914
45. Edmond John Hogan	20th May, 1927 ..	22nd November, 1928	553
46. Sir William Murray McPherson, K.B.E.	22nd November, 1928	12th December, 1929	386
47. Edmond John Hogan	12th December, 1929	19th May, 1932 ..	890
48. Sir Stanley Seymour Argyle, K.B.E., M.R.C.S.	19th May, 1932 ..	2nd April, 1935 ..	1,049
49. Albert Arthur Dunstan	2nd April, 1935 ..	14th September, 1943	3,088
50. John Cain ..	14th September, 1943	18th September, 1943	5
51. Albert Arthur Dunstan	18th September, 1943	2nd October, 1945	746
52. Ian Macfarlan, K.C.	2nd October, 1945	21st November, 1945	51
53. John Cain ..	21st November, 1945	20th November, 1947	730
54. Thomas Tuke	20th November, 1947	3rd December, 1948	380
55. Thomas Tuke	3rd December, 1948	27th June, 1950 ..	572
56. John Gladstone Black McDonald	27th June, 1950 ..		

The general elections for the Legislative Assembly were held on the 13th May, 1950. The 55th Ministry resigned on the 27th June, 1950, and on the same date the 56th Ministry, under the leadership of the Hon. J. G. B. McDonald, took office.

The personnel of the 56th Ministry at 30th June, 1951, was as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

The Hon. J. G. B. McDonald	..	Premier and Treasurer
„ „ Keith Dodgshun	..	Chief Secretary, Minister in Charge of Electrical Undertakings, and Minister in Charge of Immigration.
„ „ Sir Albert Lind	..	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, Minister of Soldier Settlement, Minister of Forests, and President of the Board of Land and Works.
„ „ H. J. T. Hyland	..	Minister of Transport, Minister of State Development, Minister in Charge of Prices, and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works
„ „ G. C. Moss	..	Minister of Agriculture, Minister of Mines, and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works
„ „ R. K. Brose	..	Minister of Water Supply and Minister for Conservation
„ „ W. O. Fulton	..	Minister of Health
„ „ T. W. Mitchell	..	Attorney-General and Solicitor-General
„ „ R. T. White	..	Minister without Portfolio.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Hon. P. T. Byrnes ..	..	Commissioner of Public Works and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works.
.. .. P. P. Inchbold	..	Minister of Education
.. .. I. A. Swinburne	..	Minister in Charge of Housing and Minister in Charge of Materials
.. .. Trevor Harvey	..	Minister of Labour

MEMBERS OF THE STATE PARLIAMENT, 1951.

The names of members at 30th June, 1951, and the constituencies which they represent are given below :—

VICTORIA—THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

President : Hon. Sir Clifden Eager, K.C.

Name of Province.	Name of Member.	Date of Retirement.
Ballaarat.. ..	Hon J. F. Kittson, M.M.	1952
	Hon. H. C. Ludbrook	1955
Bendigo	Colonel the Hon. Sir George Lansell, C.M.G., V.D.	1952
	Hon. T. H. Grigg	1955
Doutta Galla ..	Hon. P. Jones	1952
	Hon. W. Slater	1955
East Yarra... ..	Hon. Sir Clifden Eager, K.C. (President)	1952
	Hon. E. P. Cameron	1955
Gippsland	Hon. T. Harvey, Minister of Labour ..	1952
	Hon. W. MacAulay	1955
Higinbotham ..	Hon. A. G. Warner	1952
	Hon. Sir James Kennedy	1955
Melbourne	Hon. W. J. Beckett	1952
	Hon. F. M. Thomas	1955
Melbourne North ..	Hon. A. M. Fraser	1952
	Hon. J. W. Galtally	1955
Melbourne West ..	Hon. P. J. Kennelly	1952
	Hon. P. L. Coleman	1955
Monash	Hon. Sir Frank Beaurepaire	1952
	Hon. Sir Frank Clarke, K.B.E.	1955
Northern... ..	Hon. D. J. Walters	1952
	Hon. G. J. Tuckett	1955
North-Eastern ..	Hon. I. A. Swinburne (Minister in Charge of Housing and Minister in Charge of Materials)	1952
	Hon. P. P. Inchbold (Minister of Education)	1955
North-Western ..	Hon. P. T. Byrnes (Commissioner of Public Works and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works)	1952
	Hon. C. E. McNally	1955
Southern	Hon. Sir William Angliss	1952
	Hon. G. L. Chandler	1955
South-Eastern ..	Hon. C. E. Isaac	1952
	Hon. C. P. Gartside	1955
South-Western ..	Hon. A. E. McDonald	1952
	Hon. G. S. McArthur	1955
Western	Hon. R. C. Rankin (Chairman of Committees) ..	1952
	Hon. H. V. MacLeod	1955

Clerk of the Legislative Council : R. S. Sarah.

MEMBERS OF THE STATE PARLIAMENT, 1951—*continued*.

VICTORIA—THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Speaker: The Hon. A. Michaelis.

Name of Electoral District.	Name of Member.
Albert Park ..	P. K. Sutton
Allendale ..	Hon. R. T. White (Minister without Portfolio)
Ballaarat ..	Hon. T. T. Hollway
Barwon ..	Hon. Sir Thomas Maltby, E.D.
Benalla ..	F. A. Cook
Benambra ..	Hon. T. W. Mitchell (Attorney-General and Solicitor-General)
Bendigo ..	Hon. L. W. Galvin
Borong ..	W. J. Mibus (Chairman of Committees)
Box Hill ..	G. O. Reid
Brighton ..	Brigadier the Hon. R. W. Tovell, C.B.E., D.S.O., E.D.
Brunswick ..	P. J. Randles
Camberwell ..	R. K. Whately
Carlton ..	Hon. W. P. Barry
Caulfield ..	Lieut-Colonel the Hon. A. H. Dennett
Clifton Hill ..	J. P. O'Carroll
Coburg ..	C. Mutton
Collingwood ..	W. J. Towers, M.M.
Dandenong ..	W. R. Dawney-Mould
Dundas ..	W. J. F. McDonald
Elsternwick ..	Hon. J. Don, M.B.E.
Essendon ..	G. Fewster
Evelyn ..	R. J. Leckie
Footscray ..	Hon. J. J. Holland
Geelong ..	J. McR. Dunn
Gippsland East ..	Hon. Sir Albert Lind (Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, Minister of Soldier Settlement, Minister of Forests, and President of the Board of Land and Works)
Gippsland North ..	Hon. W. O. Fulton (Minister of Health)
Gippsland South ..	Hon. H. J. T. Hyland (Minister of Transport, Minister of State Development, Minister in Charge of Prices, and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works)
Gippsland West ..	L. J. Cochrane
Glen Iris ..	Hon. L. G. Norman
Goulburn ..	J. H. Smith
Grant ..	A. J. Fraser, M.C.
Hampden ..	Hon. H. E. Bolte
Hawthorn ..	L. Tyack, M.B.E.
Ivanhoe ..	A. F. K. Block
Kew ..	A. G. Rylah, E.D.
Korong ..	K. H. Turnbull
Malvern ..	Hon. T. D. Oldham
Melbourne ..	Hon. T. Hayes
Mentone ..	G. E. White
Mernda ..	A. E. Ireland
Midlands ..	Hon. C. P. Stoneham
Mildura ..	N. Barclay, D.C.M.
Moonee Ponds ..	S. Merrifield
Mornington ..	Lieut.-Colonel the Hon. W. W. Leggatt, D.S.O., M.C., E.D.
Murray Valley ..	Hon. G. C. Moss (Minister of Agriculture, Minister of Mines, and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works)
Northcote ..	Hon. J. Cain
Oakleigh ..	V. J. Doube

MEMBERS OF THE STATE PARLIAMENT, 1951—*continued*.THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY—*continued*.

Name of Electoral District.	Name of Member.
Polwarth ..	Hon. E. F. Guye
Portland ..	R. W. Holt
Port Melbourne ..	T. P. Corrigan
Prahran ..	R. F. Pettiona
Preston ..	W. Ruthven, V.C.
Rainbow ..	Hon. K. Dodgshun (Chief Secretary, Minister in Charge of Electrical Undertakings, and Minister in Charge of Immigration)
Richmond ..	F. R. Scully
Ripon ..	E. Morton
Rodney ..	Hon. R. K. Brose (Minister of Water Supply and Minister for Conservation)
Seoresby ..	Brigadier the Hon. Sir George Knox, C.M.G., V.D.
Shepparton ..	Hon. J. G. B. McDonald (Premier and Treasurer)
St. Kilda ..	Hon. A. Michaelis (Speaker)
Sunshine ..	A. E. Shepherd
Swan Hill ..	Lieut-Colonel the Hon. J. A. Hipworth, E.D.
Toorak ..	E. R. T. Reynolds, K.C.
Warrnambool ..	R. W. Mack
Williamstown ..	Hon. J. Lemmon
Wonthaggi ..	W. J. Buckingham

Clerk of the Parliaments and Clerk of the Legislative Assembly:
H. K. McLachlan, J.P.

During the period 1856 to 1950 there were 37 Parliaments. The 38th Parliament was opened on 20th June, 1950. A statement showing the duration in days of each Parliament (1856 to 1927), the number of days in session, and the percentage of the latter to the former was published in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 21. Similar information in regard to the twenty-ninth and subsequent Parliaments is shown in the following table:—

VICTORIA—DURATION OF PARLIAMENTS AND SESSIONS, 1927 TO 1950.

Number of Parliament.	Period.	Duration of Parliament.	Days in Session.	
			Number.	Percentage to Duration.
		Days.		
Twenty-ninth	1927-29	850	542	63·8
Thirtieth	1929-32	864	596	69·0
Thirty-first	1932-35	963	471	48·9
Thirty-second	1935-37	902	506	56·1
Thirty-third	1937-40	848	403	47·5
Thirty-fourth	1940-43	1,093	735	67·2
Thirty-fifth	1943-45	828	667	80·5
Thirty-sixth	1945-47	681	424	62·3
Thirty-seventh	1947-50	864	840	97·2

VICTORIA—STATE ACTS PASSED DURING 1950.

The following is a synopsis of each Act passed by the State Parliament during the year ended 31st December, 1950 :—

Act No.	Date (1950).	
5451	.. 30th June	.. This Act applies out of Consolidated Revenue the sum of £7,706,785 to the service of the year 1950-51.
5452	.. 30th June	.. This Act applies out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of £2,361,597 to the service of the year 1949-50.
5453	.. 30th June	.. The <i>Superannuation Act</i> 1950 increases the rates of pension payable under the Superannuation Acts to contributors, their widows, and children.
5454	.. 15th August	.. The <i>Marine (Temporary Exemptions) Act</i> 1950 authorizes the Marine Board of Victoria temporarily to exempt certain harbor construction contractors and their vessels and personnel from compliance with provisions of the Marine Acts and the Regulations thereunder, and is for other purposes.
5455	.. 1st September	.. This Act applies out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of £7,550,583 to the service of the year 1950-51.
5456	.. 1st September	.. The <i>Melbourne Harbour Trust (Housing Advances) Act</i> 1950 increases to £2,000 the maximum amount that may be advanced by the Melbourne Harbour Trust to any employé for the purchase of a dwelling house.
5457	.. 19th September	.. The <i>University (Veterinary Research) Act</i> 1950 increases to £16,000 the amount of the annual State grant to the University of Melbourne in connexion with the Veterinary Research Institute and extends for a further five years the period for which such grant is to be made.
5458	.. 19th September	.. The <i>Pyalong Lands Exchange Act</i> 1950 provides for the revocation of the reservations of certain land in the Parish of Pyalong temporarily reserved as a site for racing, cricket, and recreation, and for the exchange thereof for certain other land in the said Parish to be reserved as a site for racing and public recreation.
5459	.. 4th October	.. The <i>Goods (Textile Products) Act</i> 1950 amends the provisions of the Goods Acts relating to the labelling of textile products with trade descriptions of the contents thereof.
5460	.. 4th October	.. The <i>Police Regulation (Pensions) Act</i> 1950 increases rates of pensions payable to retired policemen and their widows.
5461	.. 4th October	.. The <i>Melbourne (Bowen-street) Land Act</i> 1950 provides for the closing of Bowen-street and part of an adjoining lane in the City of Melbourne, and to validate certain Crown grants and reservations, and is for other purposes.

Act No.	Date (1950).	
5462	.. 4th October	.. The <i>Printers and Newspapers (Foreign Advertisements) Act</i> 1950 requires newspaper advertisements relating to employment which are expressed in a foreign language to be accompanied by an English translation.
5463	.. 4th October	.. The <i>Police Offences (Race-meetings) Act</i> 1950 alters slightly the basis of allocation of sums received as percentage payments for race-course licences.
5464	.. 4th October	.. The <i>Non-Contributory State Pensions Act</i> 1950 increases rates of pensions to certain retired State employes and their widows who are not covered by Acts Nos. 5453 and 5460 (above).
5465	.. 11th October	.. The <i>Legislative Council Reform Act</i> 1950 introduces adult suffrage at Legislative Council elections, amends the law relating to qualification for membership of and elections for the Legislative Council, provides for the re-definition of the boundaries of electoral provinces for the Legislative Council, and is for other purposes.
5466	.. 17th October	.. The <i>State Electricity Commission (Contracts) Act</i> 1950 varies the class of contracts of the State Electricity Commission for which the sanction of the Governor in Council is required.
5467	.. 24th October	.. The <i>Police Regulation (Pensions) Amendment Act</i> 1950 rectifies an omission from the <i>Police Regulation (Pensions) Act</i> 1950 (No. 5460 above).
5468	.. 24th October	.. The <i>Prices Regulation (Extension) Act</i> 1950 extends the operation of the Prices Regulation Acts for a further year, that is until 31st December, 1951.
5469	.. 24th October	.. The <i>Factories and Shops (Amendment) Act</i> 1950 removes from the Factories and Shops Acts the restrictions which prevented wages boards from determining conditions of employment for persons engaged in primary production, and makes further provision as to the appointment of chairmen of wages boards.
5470	.. 24th October	.. The <i>Nurses and Midwives Act</i> 1950 provides for the registration of mental nurses and contains consequential and other amendments of the Nurses Acts and Midwives Acts.
5471	.. 24th October	.. The <i>Weights and Measures Act</i> 1950 amends the consolidating Weights and Measures Act of 1939, the commencement of which has been deferred.
5472	.. 31st October	.. The <i>Supreme Court (Judges) Act</i> 1950 overcomes a difficulty in the statutory requirements for procedure in the Supreme Court that became noticeable in the case of <i>Lui Tao v. Shu Yao Lee</i> (1950 A.L.R., p. 534). When a judge retires or is unavailable for duty his functions may now be exercised by any other judge of the court.
5473	.. 31st October	.. The <i>Drainage Areas Act</i> 1950 amends the <i>Drainage Areas Act</i> 1928, and is for other purposes.

Act No.	Date (1950).	
5474	.. 31st October ..	This Act applies out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of £7,975,399 to the service of the year 1950-51.
5475	.. 8th November ..	The <i>Forests (Accounts and Funds) Act 1950</i> provides for the establishment, in connexion with the accounts of the Forests Commission, of a Forests Stores Suspense Account and a Forests Plant and Machinery Fund.
5476	.. 8th November ..	The <i>Coal Mining Industry (Long Service Leave) Act 1950</i> makes provision with respect to the granting of long service leave to employes in the coal mining industry.
5477	.. 8th November ..	The <i>Acts Interpretation (Amendment) Act 1950</i> provides that where any subordinate legislation (i.e., any regulation or by-law) is revoked or amended such repeal or amendment shall not, unless the contrary intention appears, affect rights or liabilities acquired or legal proceedings thereunder. A similar provision already appears in the Acts Interpretation Act with reference to the appeal of legislative enactments; this is extended to cases where enactments are amended.
5478	.. 8th November ..	The <i>Agricultural Colleges (Amendment) Act 1950</i> enables certain Crown lands which were previously agricultural college lands and which are leased to farmers to be sold to such farmers subject to prescribed conditions.
5479	.. 14th November	The <i>Building Operations and Building Materials Control (Amendment) Act 1950</i> extends the operation of the Building Operations and Building Materials Control Acts for a further year, that is until 31st December, 1951, and makes some amendments to those Acts.
5480	.. 14th November	The <i>Shrine of Remembrance Site Act 1950</i> enables a memorial to those who served in the war of 1939-1945 to be incorporated in the Shrine of Remembrance at Melbourne.
5481	.. 14th November	The <i>Public Works Loan and Application Act 1950</i> authorizes the raising of money for public works and other purposes, sanctions the issue and application for such purposes of the money so raised or of money in the State Loans Repayment Fund, and is for other purposes.
5482	.. 14th November	The <i>Grain Elevators Act 1950</i> amends the Grain Elevators Acts.
5483	.. 14th November	The <i>Teaching Service (Amendment) Act 1950</i> abolishes sub-classes of classes in the primary schools division of the teaching service, restricts appointments by way of transfer or promotion of teachers who are nearing the retiring age, permits the transfer of professional officers to classified rolls of teachers, amends the provision of the Teaching Service Acts relating to the

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training qualifications and examination of student teachers and students in training, and makes sundry amendments relating to promotion and classification of and appeals by teachers, payments for overtime in the technical schools division, and the salary of the chairman of the Teachers Tribunal.

- 5484 .. 14th November The *Imported Materials Loan and Application (Amendment) Act 1950* increases from £2,000,000 to £4,000,000 the amount that may be borrowed for the purposes of the *Imported Materials Loan and Application Act 1950* and extends the scope of the purposes for which loan moneys may be applied under that Act.
- 5485 .. 21st November The *Water Supply Loan and Application Act 1950* authorizes the raising of money for irrigation works, water supply works, drainage flood protection and river improvement works in country districts and works under the River Murray Waters Acts, sanctions the issue and application of the money so raised and of other money available for such purposes under Loan Acts or in the State Loans Repayment Fund, and is for other purposes.
- 5486 .. 21st November The *Victorian Inland Meat Authority (Advances) Act 1950* increases from £100,000 to £500,000 the maximum advance that may be made from the State Loans Repayment Fund to the Victorian Inland Meat Authority.
- 5487 .. 21st November The *Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works (Contracts) Act 1950* authorizes the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works to enter into contracts of up to £500 (in lieu of £100) without calling for tenders.
- 5488 .. 21st November The *Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works (Borrowing Powers) Act 1950* increases the borrowing powers of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works by £5,000,000.
- 5489 .. 21st November The *Cattle Compensation Act 1950* amends provisions of the *Cattle Compensation Act 1928* relating to the amount of compensation payable to owners of cattle destroyed because of disease, and the respective percentages of such compensation payable by the Treasurer and from the Cattle Compensation Fund where cattle are so destroyed because of tuberculosis.
- 5490 .. 21st November The *Coal Mines Regulation (Accidents Relief) Act 1950* alters the basis of employes contributions to the Coal Mines Accident Relief Fund and varies the conditions on which allowances are payable from that Fund in cases of death or disablement by accident or disease.

Act No.	Date (1950).	
5491 ..	21st November	The <i>Public Contracts (Amendment) Act</i> 1950 provides that all goods, machinery or materials up to the amount of £500 (in lieu of £250) or upwards bought at any one time by any local authority shall be of Australian manufacture unless the Minister thinks that, in the circumstances, such a course is unreasonable.
5492 ..	28th November	The <i>Water Act</i> 1950 amends the Water Acts, and is for other purposes.
5493 ..	28th November	The <i>Administration and Probate Duties Act</i> 1950 extends for a further year the provisions of the <i>Finance Act</i> 1930 imposing additional death duties.
5494 ..	28th November	The <i>Country Roads Board Act</i> 1950 authorizes the appointment of a deputy chairman of the Country Roads Board, makes provision as to who shall preside at meetings of the Board, and alters the basis of determination of salaries of members of the Board.
5495 ..	28th November	The <i>Land Tax Act</i> 1950 declares the rate of Land Tax for the year ending the 31st December, 1951.
5496 ..	28th November	The <i>Motor Car (Drivers' Licences) Act</i> 1950 empowers the granting of licences to persons under 18 but over 16 years of age to drive primary producers' motor tractors in certain circumstances.
5497 ..	28th November	The <i>Tallangatta Township (Removal) Act</i> 1950 makes provision for the transfer of the township of Tallangatta to a new site in anticipation of the enlargement of the Hume Reservoir whereby part of the Tallangatta urban area will be inundated, and is for other purposes.
5498 ..	5th December ..	The <i>Medical Act</i> 1950 empowers the Medical Board to reprimand or suspend the registration of medical practitioners for professional misconduct of a gravity not warranting deregistration; permits the registration as medical practitioners of persons not otherwise entitled to registration who hold a medical degree in a University of Australia if they have completed the last three academic years of a medical course at that University, wherever in the world the remainder of the course may have been taken; prescribes heavy penalties for unqualified persons who for fee or reward give treatment or advice in relation to cancer or any condition alleged to be cancer; amends provisions of the Medical Acts relating to the registration of chemists; and provides for the making of regulations in relation to the conduct of pharmacies and the training of chemists' apprentices.
5499 ..	5th December ..	The <i>State Forests Loan and Application Act</i> 1950 authorizes the raising of money for State forests, sanctions the issue and application for that purpose of the money so raised or of money in the State Loans Repayment Fund, and is for other purposes.

Act No.	Date (1950).	
5500 ..	5th December ..	The <i>Surplus Revenue (Unexpended Balances) Act</i> 1950 transfers to the Hospitals and Charities Fund certain moneys which remain unexpended under previous Surplus Revenue Acts.
5501 ..	5th December ..	The <i>Treasury Bonds Act</i> 1950 provides for the issue of Treasury Bonds to fund the deficit in the State Revenues for the year 1949-50.
5502 ..	5th December ..	The <i>Co-operative Housing Societies Act</i> 1950 extends the objects for which Co-operative Housing Societies may be formed and the purposes for which advances may be made to members of such Societies; alters the conditions on which a person may become a member of more than one Society; prescribes the manner of payment by members of unpaid share capital on the winding-up of a society; increases by £5 000 000 the maximum liability of the State under guarantees to Co-operative Housing Societies and increases the amount by which the Treasurer may indemnify Societies against losses on advances to members; and enables two or more Societies to be amalgamated into one Society.
5503 ..	5th December ..	The <i>Police Offences (Idle and Disorderly Persons) Act</i> 1950 makes it unlawful for persons to carry arms without proper excuse by day as well as by night.
5504 ..	5th December ..	The <i>Gelliondale Land (Mineral Lease) Act</i> 1950 authorizes the resumption by the Crown of certain land at Gelliondale bearing mineral deposits in the form of brown coal, and is for other purposes.
5505 ..	5th December ..	The <i>Local Government (Imported Houses) Act</i> 1950 continues for a further year the relaxation of building regulations in relation to imported pre-cut houses.
5506 ..	5th December ..	The <i>Police Offences (Animals) Act</i> 1950 amends provisions of the Police Offences Acts relating to cruelty to animals by prohibiting the coursing or similar killing of animals by dogs except at recognized coursing matches, increasing the penalties for cruelty to animals, and widening the provision which enables suffering animals to be destroyed.
5507 ..	6th December ..	The <i>Gas and Fuel Corporation Act</i> 1950 approves, validates, ratifies, and otherwise gives effect to an agreement between the State of Victoria, The Metropolitan Gas Company, and The Brighton Gas Company Limited, establishes, constitutes, and incorporates a public authority to be called the "Gas and Fuel Corporation of Victoria", makes provision with respect to the objects, powers, and duties of such authority, provides for the raising of money by the State and the application of such money, and is for other purposes.

Act No.	Date (1950).	
5508 ..	11th December	The <i>Jubilee and Centenary Sports Act 1950</i> enables trotting races to be held at certain sports organized in connexion with the celebration of the Jubilee of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Centenary of Government in Victoria.
5509 ..	11th December	The <i>Railways Dismantling Act 1950</i> provides for the dismantling of sections of certain railways, and is for other purposes.
5510 ..	11th December	The <i>Geelong (Kardinia Park) Land Act 1950</i> adjusts the common boundaries of two reserves in the City of Geelong.
5511 ..	11th December	The <i>Coal Mine Workers Pensions (Amendment) Act 1950</i> increases the pensions and additional payments payable to mine workers under the Coal Mines Workers Pensions Acts, incorporates the Coal Mine Workers Pensions Tribunal, and amends provisions of the Coal Mine Workers Pensions Acts relating to contributions of mine workers to the Fund.
5512 ..	11th December	The <i>Municipalities and Other Authorities Finances Act 1950</i> increases the fees for licences to drive motor cars, makes provision in respect of the finances of municipalities, the Country Roads Board, and other public authorities, and is for other purposes.
5513 ..	11th December ..	The <i>Public Officers' Salaries Act 1950</i> provides for increases in the salaries of certain public officers.
5514 ..	11th December ..	The <i>State Electricity Commission Act 1950</i> makes further provision with respect to the scheme for the development of the brown coal briquette industry in the Latrobe Valley, increases the borrowing powers of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria, and is for other purposes.
5515 ..	11th December ..	The <i>Public Works Loan and Application Act 1950</i> (No. 2) authorizes the raising of further money for public works and other purposes, sanctions the issue and application for such purposes of the money so raised or of money in the State Loans Repayment Fund, and is for other purposes.
5516 ..	11th December ..	The <i>Ministers of the Crown and Parliamentary Salaries Act 1950</i> makes provision with respect to Ministers of the Crown, certain Parliamentary salaries, and reimbursement of expenses.
5517 ..	11th December ..	The <i>Fire Brigades (Long Service Leave) Act 1950</i> provides for long service leave for officers and employes of the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board and the Country Fire Authority, and is for other purposes.

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- 5518 .. 11th December .. The *Fisheries (Inland Angling) Act* 1950 provides that no person over 16 years of age is to angle in any inland waters for any fish unless he holds an inland angling licence. In addition, penalties are provided for angling in certain inland waters without the consent of the controlling water authority. The *Fisheries (Trout Licences) Act* 1932 is repealed consequentially.
- 5519 .. 11th December .. The *Mental Hygiene Authority Act* 1950 re-organizes the Mental Hygiene Branch of the Department of Health by constituting an Authority (called the Mental Hygiene Authority) which, subject to the Mental Hygiene Acts and the powers of the Governor in Council and the Minister, will formulate, control, and direct the general policy and administration of the Branch, and is for other purposes.
- 5520 .. 11th December .. The *Railway Loan and Application Act* 1950 authorizes the raising of money for railway purposes, sanctions the issue and application of the money so raised and of other money available for railways under Loan Acts or in the State Loans Repayment Fund, and is for other purposes.
- 5521 .. 11th December .. The *Education (Religious Instruction) Act* 1950 enables religious instruction to be given in State schools during school hours by accredited representatives of religious bodies who are not State school teachers. The instruction is to be given on the basis of the normal class organization of the school, but attendance is to be voluntary.
- 5522 .. 11th December .. The *Workers' Compensation (Amendment) Act* 1950 amends the Workers' Compensation Acts.
- 5523 .. 11th December .. The *Public Trustee Act* 1950 removes a difficulty relating to the management of estates of mental hygiene patients, enables the Public Trustee to proceed by way of election to administer estates of intestates and testators where the value of the estate falls within a £1,000 (in lieu of £400) limit, provides that the interest of a patient or infirm person or his representatives or assigns in property of the patient or infirm person is not to be affected by the sale or other disposition of the property but is to attach to the proceeds of such sale or disposition as if it had not been made, and requires the Public Trustee to give public notice of increases in fees.
- 5524 .. 11th December .. The *McPherson's Limited Pension Fund Act* 1950 removes doubts as to the validity of the trusts of a Pension Fund established under a Trust Instrument of McPherson's Proprietary Limited, provides for the alteration of the said Instrument, and incorporates the trustees of the said Fund.

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- 5525 .. 11th December .. The *Landlord and Tenant (Servicemen) Act* 1950 amends provisions of Part V. of the *Landlord and Tenant Act* 1948 whereby protection is given to returned servicemen and their dependants in relation to tenancy of dwelling-houses, and extends the provisions of that Part to persons serving in Korea or engaged in other proclaimed hostilities or special assignments.
- 5526 .. 11th December .. The *Local Government (Shire of Braybrook) Act* 1950 enables the Governor in Council to declare the Shire of Braybrook a City and is for other purposes.
- 5527 .. 11th December .. This Act applies a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue to the service of the year ending on the 30th June, 1951, and appropriates the supplies granted in this session of Parliament.

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS.

The triennial elections for the Legislative Council were held on 18th June, 1949, when thirteen of the seventeen provinces were contested. The results of the election, &c., were published in the *Year Book* for 1948-49, pages 36 to 38.

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The following table shows the number of electors on the rolls for each province on 30th June, 1950.

NUMBERS OF ELECTORS IN VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, ON 30TH JUNE, 1950.

Electoral Province.	Numbers of Electors on Rolls.								
	Ratepayers' Roll.			General Roll.			Total.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Ballaarat	15,773	7,009	22,782	93	55	148	15,866	7,064	22,930
Bendigo	15,629	7,971	23,600	84	82	166	15,713	8,053	23,766
Doutta Galla ..	30,142	13,655	43,797	97	88	185	30,239	13,743	43,982
East Yarra	32,473	15,761	48,234	207	236	443	32,680	15,997	48,677
Gippsland	16,797	5,358	22,155	625	46	671	17,422	5,404	22,826
Higinbotham ..	31,197	15,158	46,355	75	78	153	31,272	15,236	46,508
Melbourne	24,132	11,828	35,960	66	72	138	24,198	11,900	36,098
Melbourne North	35,400	14,327	49,727	650	958	1,608	36,050	15,285	51,335
Melbourne West ..	27,102	11,708	38,810	64	138	202	27,166	11,846	39,012
Monash	28,344	16,156	44,500	160	115	275	28,504	16,271	44,775
Northern	15,193	5,007	20,200	76	67	143	15,269	5,074	20,343
North-Eastern ..	13,853	4,666	18,519	57	61	118	13,910	4,727	18,637
North-Western ..	14,420	4,784	19,204	145	70	215	14,565	4,854	19,419
Southern	21,755	10,223	31,978	74	35	109	21,829	10,258	32,087
South-Eastern ..	21,011	10,310	31,321	60	41	101	21,071	10,351	31,422
South-Western ..	18,984	7,453	26,437	106	70	176	19,090	7,523	26,613
Western	16,047	5,599	21,646	234	162	396	16,281	5,761	22,042
Grand Total ..	378,252	166,973	545,225	2,873	2,374	5,247	381,125	169,347	550,472

Legislative
Assembly.

The following table shows the number of electors on the rolls for each district on 30th June, 1950.

NUMBER OF ELECTORS IN VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, ON 30TH JUNE, 1950.

Electoral District.	Numbers of Electors on the Joint Rolls.	Electoral District.	Numbers of Electors on the Joint Rolls.
METROPOLITAN.		COUNTRY.	
Albert Park	25,783	Allendale	15,436
Box Hill	31,353	Ballaarat	21,890
Brighton	28,564	Barwon	16,388
Brunswick	25,154	Benalla	13,898
Camberwell	27,446	Benambra	13,825
Carlton	26,166	Bendigo	22,685
Caulfield	23,981	Borung	13,676
Clifton Hill	25,515	Dundas	15,197
Coburg	25,785	Evelyn	17,342
Collingwood	25,579	Geelong	21,843
Dandenong	36,230	Gippsland East	13,270
Elsternwick	23,163	Gippsland North	16,306
Essendon	30,139	Gippsland South	16,532
Footscray	25,250	Gippsland West	16,043
Glen Iris	26,830	Goulburn	13,965
Hawthorn	24,313	Grant	16,496
Ivanhoe	31,402	Hampden	14,605
Kew	24,014	Korong	12,760
Malvern	22,784	Mernda	16,565
Melbourne	24,499	Midlands	15,052
Mentone	31,831	Mildura	14,251
Moonee Ponds	26,744	Mornington	18,394
Northcote	25,543	Murray Valley	15,565
Oakleigh	27,417	Polwarth	14,901
Port Melbourne	26,970	Portland	15,201
Prahran	24,994	Rainbow	12,346
Preston	28,440	Ripon	15,072
Richmond	25,453	Rodney	14,666
St. Kilda	23,818	Scoresby	18,229
Sunshine	28,229	Shepparton	16,482
Toorak	24,281	Swan Hill	14,136
Williamstown	27,198	Warrnambool	14,658
		Wonthaggi	15,479
Total	854,868	Total	523,154
		Grand Total	1,378,022

**Elections,
Legislative
Assembly,
1950.**

At the elections for the Legislative Assembly, held on 13th May, 1950, there were contests in 62 of the 65 constituencies. The number of electors on the rolls was 1,362,851—656,800 males and 706,051 females. In contested districts 94·40 per cent. of the electors recorded their votes, the proportion for males being 95·28 per cent. and for females 93·58 per cent.

The following table shows the number of electors, the votes polled, and the percentage of the latter to the former in the various electoral districts.

**VICTORIA—NUMBER OF ELECTORS AND VOTES POLLED
FOR THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AT THE GENERAL
ELECTION ON 13TH MAY, 1950.**

Electoral District.	Number of Electors on Rolls at Date of General Election.			Electors who Voted.					
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Percentage of Number on the Roll.		
							Males.	Females.	Total.
Albert Park ..	11,771	13,844	25,615	10,494	12,750	23,244	89·15	92·10	90·74
Allendale ..	7,662	7,675	15,337	7,354	7,316	14,670	95·98	95·32	95·65
Ballaarat ..	9,834	11,825	21,659	9,527	11,438	20,965	96·88	96·73	96·80
Barwon* ..	7,653	8,497	16,150						
Benalla ..	7,081	6,705	13,786	6,785	6,203	12,988	95·82	92·51	94·21
Benambra ..	7,227	6,332	13,559	6,672	5,829	12,501	92·32	92·06	92·20
Bendigo ..	10,328	12,038	22,366	9,977	11,538	21,515	96·60	95·85	96·20
Borung ..	6,748	6,944	13,692	6,522	6,632	13,154	96·65	95·51	96·07
Box Hill ..	14,379	16,338	30,717	13,879	15,102	28,981	96·52	92·43	94·35
Brighton* ..	12,739	15,691	28,430						
Brunswick ..	12,091	12,985	25,076	11,611	12,162	23,773	96·03	93·66	94·80
Camberwell ..	11,961	15,105	27,066	11,513	13,847	25,360	96·25	91·67	93·70
Carlton ..	12,665	13,473	26,138	11,920	12,335	24,255	94·12	91·55	92·80
Caulfield ..	10,502	13,293	23,795	9,824	11,996	21,820	93·54	90·24	91·70
Clifton Hill ..	12,085	13,337	25,422	11,596	12,372	23,968	95·95	92·76	94·28
Coburg ..	12,423	13,208	25,631	11,907	12,620	24,527	95·85	95·55	95·69
Collingwood ..	12,281	13,383	25,664	11,534	11,840	23,374	93·92	88·47	91·08
Dandenong ..	17,951	17,167	35,118	16,846	16,368	33,214	93·84	95·35	94·58
Dundas ..	7,593	7,510	15,103	7,364	7,139	14,503	96·98	95·06	96·03
Elsternwick ..	10,547	12,447	22,994	9,868	11,559	21,427	93·56	92·87	93·19
Essendon ..	14,343	15,279	29,622	13,959	14,282	28,241	97·32	93·47	95·34
Evelyn ..	8,712	8,364	17,076	8,165	7,764	15,929	93·72	92·83	93·28
Footscray ..	12,297	12,780	25,077	11,753	11,883	23,636	95·58	92·98	94·25
Geelong ..	9,963	11,615	21,578	9,554	10,955	20,509	95·89	94·32	95·05
Gippsland East ..	6,663	6,193	12,856	6,555	5,794	12,349	94·14	93·56	93·87
Gippsland North ..	9,186	7,057	16,243	8,426	6,570	14,996	91·73	93·10	92·32
Gippsland South ..	8,503	7,779	16,282	7,987	7,492	15,479	93·93	96·31	95·07
Gippsland West ..	8,456	7,579	16,035	7,794	7,256	15,050	92·17	95·74	93·86
Glen Iris ..	12,145	14,296	26,441	11,664	13,380	25,044	96·04	93·59	94·72
Goulburn ..	7,198	6,581	13,779	6,899	6,144	13,043	95·85	93·36	94·66
Grant ..	8,204	8,038	16,242	7,927	7,236	15,163	96·62	90·02	93·36
Hampden ..	7,391	7,085	14,476	7,077	6,736	13,813	95·75	95·02	95·42
Hawthorn ..	10,390	13,691	24,081	9,874	12,677	22,551	95·03	92·59	93·65
Ivanhoe ..	14,607	16,288	30,895	13,851	15,205	29,056	94·82	93·35	94·05
Kew* ..	10,509	13,603	24,112						
Korong ..	6,523	6,257	12,780	6,352	5,840	12,192	97·38	93·34	95·40
Malvern ..	9,231	13,344	22,575	8,844	12,093	20,937	95·81	90·63	92·74
Melbourne ..	11,692	12,529	24,221	10,931	10,996	21,927	93·49	87·76	90·53
Mentone ..	14,776	16,431	31,207	14,096	15,399	29,495	95·40	93·72	94·51
Mernda ..	8,243	8,154	16,397	7,780	7,424	15,204	94·38	91·05	92·72

* Uncontested.

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF ELECTORS AND VOTES POLLED FOR THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AT THE GENERAL ELECTION ON 13TH
MAY, 1950—*continued.*

Electoral District.	Number of Electors on Rolls at Date of General Election.			Electors who Voted.					
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Percentage of Number on the Roll.		
							Males.	Females.	Total.
Midlands	7,298	7,621	14,919	7,103	7,314	14,417	97.33	95.97	96.64
Mildura	7,466	6,731	14,197	6,990	6,439	13,429	93.62	95.66	94.59
Moonee Ponds ..	12,647	13,922	26,569	12,118	13,239	25,357	95.82	95.09	95.44
Mornington	8,812	9,155	17,967	8,284	8,432	16,716	94.01	92.10	93.03
Murray Valley ..	7,846	7,497	15,343	7,597	7,054	14,651	96.83	94.09	95.49
Northcote	11,899	13,456	25,355	11,553	12,959	24,512	97.09	96.31	96.68
Oakleigh	13,024	14,055	27,079	12,613	13,254	25,867	96.84	94.30	95.52
Polwarth	7,566	7,169	14,735	7,233	6,895	14,128	95.60	96.18	95.88
Portland	7,714	7,340	15,054	7,463	7,018	14,481	96.75	95.61	96.19
Port Melbourne ..	13,246	13,434	26,680	12,346	12,581	24,927	93.21	93.65	93.43
Prahran	10,334	14,471	24,805	9,909	13,460	23,369	95.89	93.01	94.21
Preston	13,666	14,268	27,934	13,252	13,532	26,784	96.97	94.84	95.88
Rainbow	6,534	5,820	12,354	6,262	5,554	11,816	95.84	95.43	95.65
Richmond	11,582	13,722	25,304	11,006	13,144	24,150	95.03	95.79	95.44
Ripon	7,341	7,612	14,953	7,100	7,223	14,323	96.72	94.89	95.79
Rodney	7,511	7,089	14,600	7,174	6,686	13,860	95.51	94.32	94.93
Scoresby	8,670	9,009	17,679	8,159	8,300	16,459	94.11	92.13	93.10
Shepparton	8,470	7,845	16,315	8,104	7,385	15,489	95.68	94.14	94.94
St. Kilda	11,307	12,417	23,724	10,513	11,620	22,133	92.98	93.58	93.29
Sunshine	13,847	13,973	27,820	13,442	13,008	26,450	97.08	93.09	95.08
Swan Hill	7,223	6,814	14,042	6,945	6,310	13,255	96.08	92.60	94.40
Toorak	9,155	13,734	22,889	8,831	13,032	21,863	96.46	94.89	95.52
Warrnambool ..	7,327	7,179	14,506	6,997	6,990	13,987	95.50	97.37	96.42
Williamstown ..	13,391	13,592	26,983	12,862	12,841	25,703	96.05	94.47	95.26
Wonthaggi	8,066	7,386	15,452	7,820	6,935	14,755	96.95	93.89	95.49
Total all districts ..	656,800	706,051	1,362,851	..	..	..	..	..	..
Uncontested districts ..	30,901	37,791	68,692	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total contested districts	625,899	668,260	1,294,159	596,357	625,377	1,221,734	95.28	93.58	94.40

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTION RESULTS, 1950.

Candidates.	Votes.	Candidates.	Votes.
	No.		No.
ALBERT PARK—		CAMBERWELL—	
P. K. Sutton	11,807	R. K. Whately*	16,390
R. Schilling*	11,230	J. C. Stewart	8,788
Informal	207	Informal	182
ALLENDALE—		CARLTON—	
S. K. Glover	6,274	W. P. Barry*	17,692
R. T. White*	4,973	A. F. K. Block	6,124
T. H. Grigg	3,314	Informal	439
Informal	109	CAULFIELD—	
Final Count—		A. H. Dennett*	13,816
R. T. White	8,058	D. L. H. Elliston	7,814
S. K. Glover	6,503	Informal	190
BALLAARAT—		CLIFTON HILL—	
T. T. Hollway*	10,646	J. P. O'Carroll*	16,004
J. J. Sheehan	9,735	K. J. Withers	7,633
A. J. G. Nicholls	421	Informal	331
Informal	163	COBURG—	
BENALLA—		K. P. Hayes	9,462
F. A. Cook*	7,466	C. Mutton*	7,977
J. C. Pennington	5,174	J. H. Morris	6,852
Informal	348	Informal	236
BENAMBRA—		Final Count—	
T. W. Mitchell*	9,050	C. Mutton	14,085
J. Ronan	3,187	K. P. Hayes	10,206
Informal	264	COLLINGWOOD—	
BENDIGO—		W. J. Towers*	18,026
L. W. Galvin*	12,633	R. S. Taylor	4,918
H. E. Every	8,724	Informal	430
Informal	158	DANDENONG—	
BORUNG—		W. R. Dawnay-Mould*	16,521
W. J. Mibus*	7,354	L. R. Coates	16,391
R. A. Levitzke	5,677	Informal	302
Informal	123	DUNDAS—	
BOX HILL—		W. J. F. McDonald*	6,828
G. O. Reid*	15,942	J. G. Toleman	6,039
R. J. Gray	12,819	G. R. Kirsopp	1,524
Informal	220	Informal	112
BRUNSWICK—		Final Count—	
P. J. Randles*	16,626	W. J. F. McDonald	8,059
B. J. Cann	6,805	J. G. Toleman	6,332
Informal	342	ELSTERNWICK—	
		J. Don*	12,932
		H. A. Lorback	8,351
		Informal	144

* Sitting Member.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTION RESULTS, 1950—continued.

Candidates.	Votes.	Candidates.	Votes.
	No.		No.
ESSENDON—		GLEN IRIS—	
G. Fewster	13,725	L. G. Norman*	16,532
A. R. Bateman*	12,910	G. L. Noad	8,333
A. D. Dodds	1,319	Informal	179
Informal	287		
Final Count—		GOULBURN—	
G. Fewster	14,339	J. H. Smith	6,476
A. R. Bateman	13,615	P. S. Grimwade*	4,873
		W. J. Hoddinott	1,637
		Informal	57
		Final Count—	
		J. H. Smith	6,774
		P. S. Grimwade	6,212
EVELYN—		GRANT—	
R. J. Leckie	8,466	L. F. C. D'Arcy	6,833
J. S. Dunbar	5,413	A. J. Fraser	4,727
C. E. Wolfe	1,863	F. C. T. Holden*	3,454
Informal	187	Informal	149
		Final Count—	
		A. J. Fraser	7,627
		L. F. C. D'Arcy	7,387
FOOTSCRAY—		HAMPDEN—	
J. J. Holland*	16,902	H. E. Bolte*	7,830
L. L. Gordon	5,061	P. L. Denigan	5,856
J. C. Arrowsmith	1,295	Informal	127
Informal	378		
GEELONG—		HAWTHORN—	
J. McR. Dunn	11,405	C. J. Murphy	9,361
E. H. Montgomery*	9,014	L. Tyack	8,887
Informal	90	F. L. Edmunds*	4,100
		Informal	203
		Final Count—	
		L. Tyack	12,134
		C. J. Murphy	10,214
GIPPSLAND EAST—		IVANHOE—	
A. E. Lind*	8,421	R. C. Curnow*	16,850
G. W. Savage	3,691	D. J. Walker	11,997
Informal	237	Informal	209
GIPPSLAND NORTH—		KORONG—	
J. A. Johns	7,179	K. H. Turnbull	4,428
W. O. Fulton*	4,658	J. D. C. McLean	3,957
D. H. Fowler	3,018	J. G. Matheson	3,718
Informal	141	Informal	89
Final Count—		Final Count—	
W. O. Fulton	7,487	K. H. Turnbull	7,313
J. A. Johns	7,368	J. D. C. McLean	4,790
GIPPSLAND SOUTH—			
H. J. T. Hyland*	11,544		
D. H. Bertram	3,525		
Informal	410		
GIPPSLAND WEST—			
L. J. Cochrane	6,137		
B. M. Morris	6,047		
M. Steward	2,517		
Informal	349		
Final Count—			
L. J. Cochrane	7,844		
B. M. Morris	6,857		

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTION RESULTS, 1950—continued.

Candidates.	Votes.	Candidates.	Votes.
	No.		No.
MALVERN—		MURRAY VALLEY—	
T. D. Oldham*	11,949	G. C. Moss*	5,697
A. L. Cahill	6,828	N. Stewart	5,418
M. Brown	1,868	J. C. Tilson	3,423
Informal	292	Informal	113
		Final Count—	
MELBOURNE—		G. C. Moss	8,609
T. Hayes*	14,219	N. Stewart	5,929
J. Eddy	7,340		
Informal	368		
		NORTHCOTE—	
MENTONE—		J. Cain*	17,040
G. E. White	15,046	T. W. Templeton	7,301
H. V. Drew*	14,231	Informal	171
Informal	218		
		OALKEIGH—	
MERENDA—		V. J. Doube	11,720
A. E. Ireland*	8,792	C. E. Laming	8,833
R. A. Smith	5,695	J. S. Lechte*	5,084
Informal	717	Informal	230
		Final Count—	
MIDLANDS—		V. J. Doube	12,820
C. P. Stoneham*	8,094	C. E. Laming	12,817
H. S. Boyle	5,054		
J. W. Wright	1,156	POLWARTH—	
Informal	113	E. J. Guye*	8,094
		E. W. Morris	4,575
MILDURA—		J. G. R. Horne	1,391
L. F. C. Garlick	6,266	Informal	68
N. Barclay*	4,889		
K. Richardson	2,127	PORTLAND—	
Informal	147	R. W. Holt	7,392
Final Count—		H. R. Hedditch*	5,508
N. Barclay	6,703	C. W. Buerckner	1,510
L. F. C. Garlick	6,579	Informal	71
MOONEE PONDS—		PORT MELBOURNE—	
S. Merrifield*	14,073	T. P. Corrigan*	18,598
J. F. Rossiter	7,902	A. W. Taylor	4,587
B. O'Callaghan	3,154	R. S. Gibson	1,239
Informal	228	Informal	503
MORNINGTON—		PRAHRAN—	
W. W. Leggatt*	9,847	F. Crean*	12,879
A. A. Higgins	4,566	C. C. Barrington	10,267
A. G. Allnutt	2,133	Informal	223
Informal	170		

* Sitting Member.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTION RESULTS, 1950—*continued*.

Candidates.	Votes.	Candidates.	Votes.
	No.		No.
PRESTON—		SUNSHINE—	
W. Ruthven*	17,007	A. E. Shepherd*	20,369
V. T. Hauser	9,561	M. H. James	5,823
Informal	216	Informal	258
RAINBOW—		SWAN HILL—	
K. Dodgshun*	8,403	J. A. Hipworth*	6,792
J. E. Menadue	3,288	S. Lockhart	6,339
Informal	125	Informal	124
RICHMOND—		TOORAK—	
F. R. Scully*	17,569	E. R. T. Reynolds*	12,509
R. Skinner	4,504	H. J. Peagram	9,178
K. C. Miller	1,510	Informal	176
Informal	567	WARENAMBOOL—	
RIPON—		J. B. Farrell	5,804
E. Morton	6,991	R. W. Mack	4,745
R. C. Guthrie*	5,640	H. S. Bailey*	3,349
A. W. Vanston	1,642	Informal	89
Informal	50	Final Count—	
Final Count—		R. W. Mack	7,102
E. Morton	7,351	J. B. Farrell	6,796
R. C. Guthrie	6,922	WILLIAMSTOWN—	
RODNEY—		J. Lemmon*	16,560
R. K. Brose*	7,796	B. M. Edwards	6,571
W. B. Heily	5,801	A. H. Dobbin	2,264
Informal	263	Informal	308
ST. KILDA—		WONTHAGGI—	
A. Michaelis*	11,477	W. J. Buckingham*	6,016
J. P. Bourke	10,464	P. L. C. Vagg	5,161
Informal	192	R. E. McIndoe	3,499
SCORESBY—		Informal	79
G. H. Knox*	12,036	Final Count—	
E. R. Chambers	4,126	W. J. Buckingham	9,256
Informal	297	P. L. C. Vagg	5,420
SHEPPARTON—			
J. G. B. McDonald*	6,395		
G. R. Anderson	5,263		
H. B. Causer	3,698		
Informal	133		
Final Count—			
J. G. B. McDonald	9,439		
G. R. Anderson	5,917		

* Sitting Member.

UNCONTESTED DISTRICTS.

District.	Member.
Barwon	T. K. Maltby
Brighton	R. W. Tovell
Kew	A. G. Rylah

Proportion of Voters at elections. The first general election for the Legislative Assembly was held in the year 1856. The proportion of electors of contested districts who voted at each of the general elections held since that year is shown in the following table:—

VICTORIA—PROPORTION OF VOTERS AT GENERAL ELECTIONS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 1856-1950.

Year of General Election.	Proportion of Electors of Contested Districts who Voted.	Year of General Election.	Proportion of Electors of Contested Districts who Voted.	Year of General Election.	Proportion of Electors of Contested Districts who Voted.
	Per cent.		Per cent.		Per cent.
1856 ..	*	1889 ..	66·58	1921 ..	57·26
1859 ..	*	1892 ..	65·12	1924 ..	59·24
1861 ..	*	1894 ..	70·99	1927 ..	91·76†
1864 ..	*	1897 ..	70·33	1929 ..	93·72
1866 ..	55·10	1900 ..	63·47	1932 ..	94·20
1868 ..	61·59	1902 ..	65·47	1935 ..	94·39
1871 ..	65·02	1904 ..	66·72	1937 ..	93·96
1874 ..	61·00	1907 ..	61·26	1940 ..	93·41
1877 ..	62·29	1908 ..	53·64	1943 ..	87·00§
1880 (Feb.)	66·56	1911 ..	63·61	1945 ..	87·98§
1880 (July)	65·85	1914 ..	53·92	1947 ..	93·44
1883 ..	64·96	1917 ..	54·21	1950 ..	94·40
1886 ..	64·70	1920 ..	63·70		

* Not available.

† The increase in the percentage of voters is accounted for by voting having been made compulsory by Act No. 3488, passed on 23rd December, 1926.

§ The decreases are due to the absence of many electors on war service.

The system of preferential voting was provided for by Statute in 1911 for Legislative Assembly elections, in 1921 for Legislative Council triennial elections, and in 1936 for Legislative Council general elections directly following upon a dissolution of the Council in consequence of disagreements between the two Houses. An illustration of this system of voting is given in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 19.

In 29 of the 62 contested districts in the Legislative Assembly election of 13th May, 1950, there were more than two candidates. In twelve of these the successful candidate had an absolute majority of the total first preferences recorded, and consequently a second count was unnecessary. In seven of the other seventeen contests the candidate who occupied the highest position on the first count was displaced after the second and subsequent preferences were distributed.

VICTORIA—PARLIAMENTARY—BY-ELECTIONS.

By-elections held in Victoria since 17th December, 1949, were as follows:—

Legislative Council—

17th March, 1951 .. Mr. T. H. Grigg, elected for Bendigo Electoral Province.

Legislative Assembly—

24th February, 1951 .. Mr. A. F. K. Block, elected for Ivanhoe Electoral District.

16th June, 1951 .. Mr. R. F. Pettiona, elected for Prahran Electoral District.

PARTICULARS OF BY-ELECTIONS.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Bendigo Electoral Province.		Males.	Females.	Total.
Number of electors on rolls at date of election ..	..	17,620	8,601	26,221
Number of electors who voted .. ..	..	13,945	6,931	20,876
Percentage of electors who voted .. ..	..	79·14	80·58	79·62

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Ivanhoe Electoral District.		Males.	Females.	Total.
Number of electors on rolls at date of election ..	..	15,346	16,952	32,298
Number of electors who voted .. ..	..	13,676	15,181	28,857
Percentage of electors who voted .. ..	..	89·12	89·55	89·35

PARTICULARS OF BY-ELECTIONS—*continued.*

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY—*continued.*

Prahran Electoral District.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Number of electors on rolls at date of election ..	9,974	14,741	24,715
Number of electors who voted	8,773	12,159	20,932
Percentage of electors who voted	87·96	82·48	84·69

THE AGENT-GENERAL FOR VICTORIA.

An article on the "Agent-General for Victoria" was published in the *Year-Book* for 1937-38, pages 21 and 22.

The *Agent-General's Act* of 1945 simplifies and consolidates the statutory provisions relating to the administration of the office of the Agent-General for Victoria.

The Agent-General for Victoria in Great Britain is The Hon. J. H. Lienhop, Victoria House, Melbourne-place, Strand, London, W.C.2.

REFERENDUM, 1948.

On the 29th May, 1948, a Referendum was taken to amend the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act. Voting was as follows:—

CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (PRICE CONTROL).

State.	Votes in Favour of Proposed Law.	Votes Not in Favour of Proposed Law.	Percentage of Votes Recorded in Favour.		Percentage of Votes Recorded Not in Favour.		Informal Votes.
			(a) To Formal Votes.	(b) To Electors Enrolled.	(a) To Formal Votes.	(b) To Electors Enrolled.	
New South Wales	723,183	1,012,639	41·66	38·45	58·34	53·84	26,269
Victoria	559,361	693,937	44·63	41·38	55·37	51·33	16,739
Queensland	187,955	422,236	30·80	28·07	69·20	63·06	7,487
South Australia	167,171	229,438	42·15	39·54	57·85	54·27	6,169
West Australia	105,605	168,088	38·59	35·06	61·41	55·80	4,589
Tasmania	50,437	91,845	35·45	31·99	64·55	58·25	2,853
Total	1,798,712	2,618,183	40·66	37·49	59·34	54·73	64,106

Principal Agricultural, Dairying, and Pastoral Features of the various Districts of the State of Victoria, Season 1949-50.

District.	Area Occupied.	Number of Holdings.	CULTIVATION.									DAIRYING AND PASTORAL.				PRODUCE.			
			Wheat (Grain).	Oats (Grain).	Barley (Grain).	Potatoes.	Onions.	Maize for Grain.	Vines.	Orchards Growing Fruit for Sale.	Dairy Cattle.	Other Cattle.	Horses.	Pigs.	Sheep.	Wheat.	Butter.	Wool.	Honey.
	Acres.		Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	Bushels.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.
Central	2,759,159	15,780	24,228	11,053	29,375	22,031	1,680	76	4	28,912	287,284	112,508	52,249	36,713	1,712,859	522,719	14,695,531	17,834,614	1,224,307
North Central	2,164,242	4,565	20,095	8,448	1,731	9,740	..	32	51	2,895	47,383	47,473	11,628	7,975	1,612,108	492,671	4,454,550	18,170,723	783,905
Western	6,650,229	12,228	47,596	29,164	9,685	8,238	2,173	..	..	1,029	387,101	173,601	32,917	25,055	6,000,622	1,103,137	29,634,295	67,162,736	384,743
Wimmera	6,337,937	6,148	915,767	110,232	65,359	144	4	..	645	3,549	34,430	11,211	14,738	6,750	2,832,246	23,485,616	1,973,373	36,048,619	1,310,700
Mallee	7,213,233	6,367	1,235,790	204,494	80,910	13	4	..	39,859	4,183	31,042	7,863	12,805	9,235	1,183,863	19,867,426	3,843,681	13,778,297	294,397
Northern	5,556,970	11,405	539,384	110,793	40,360	150	5	3	929	28,130	213,784	57,066	34,390	54,267	3,195,681	11,097,449	25,273,328	35,803,784	2,139,744
North-Eastern	3,867,918	5,210	42,056	8,155	929	1,703	18	1,001	3,898	1,850	147,715	158,959	17,718	29,854	1,501,427	793,910	20,420,724	16,135,493	731,439
Gippsland	3,783,630	8,783	3,357	851	7,774	8,632	209	4,024	..	498	376,444	137,084	23,698	43,052	1,122,207	70,907	44,531,578	11,705,041	874,631
Total for State	38,342,318	70,486	2,828,273	483,190	236,123	50,651	4,093	5,136	45,386	71,046	1,525,183	705,765	200,143	212,901	19,161,043	57,433,835	144,827,060	216,639,307	7,743,866

Minor Crops of Special Interest:—Acroage: Canary Seed, 185; Chicory, 385; Hops, 278; Tobacco, 919; Millet (Broom), 94; Sunflowers, 446; Grass Seed, 12,028; Mustard, 365; Japanese Millet for Seed, 909; Flax, 5,261; Linseed, 8,148

TOTALS.

Season.	Average Rainfall.	WHEAT.		Wool, Total Production.		LIVE STOCK.	
		Area.	Average per Acre.	Lb.	No.	Cattle.	Sheep.
1945-46	20-50	3,251,393	9-11	152,397,507	1,827,087	14,655,277	
1946-47	29-37	3,501,135	13-99	197,076,238	2,060,061	16,598,490	
1947-48	28-46	3,227,162	14-55	191,003,880	2,174,203	17,931,173	
1948-49	23-61	2,993,705	16-38	195,404,886	2,224,543	19,170,312	
1949-50	20-05	2,828,373	20-31	216,639,307	2,230,948	19,161,043	

Season.	Average Rainfall.	Wheat.	Wool.	Live Stock.
	Inches.	Acres.	Bushels.	No.
1945-46	9-63	1,698,772	5-84	5,099,961
1946-47	14-07	1,621,094	8-96	6,235,254
1947-48	15-16	1,429,869	10-02	11,071,740
1948-49	11-29	1,302,464	9-63	12,453,342
1949-50	11-80	1,235,790	10-08	13,778,297

Season.	Average Rainfall.	Wheat.	Wool.	Live Stock.
	Inches.	Acres.	Bushels.	No.
1945-46	15-30	1,012,720	10-71	21,881,478
1946-47	22-07	1,024,256	21-02	32,499,972
1947-48	22-71	970,929	19-09	31,814,934
1948-49	19-15	946,519	24-30	32,111,425
1949-50	16-67	915,767	25-65	36,048,619

Season.	Average Rainfall.	Wheat.	Wool.	Live Stock.
	Inches.	Acres.	Bushels.	No.
1945-46	14-84	650,227	12-72	19,212,022
1946-47	17-76	680,384	14-00	23,148,278
1947-48	20-35	690,723	17-24	27,441,496
1948-49	16-45	693,114	18-08	31,462,225
1949-50	20-45	689,384	20-37	35,803,784

Season.	Average Rainfall.	Wheat.	Wool.	Live Stock.
	Inches.	Acres.	Bushels.	No.
1945-46	21-71	13,742	19-07	11,127,234
1946-47	29-80	28,416	20-74	16,731,023
1947-48	32-03	28,905	17-50	16,027,921
1948-49	24-82	24,920	21-49	16,402,133
1949-50	31-32	30,993	24-32	18,159,729

Season.	Average Rainfall.	Wheat.	Wool.	Live Stock.
	Inches.	Acres.	Bushels.	No.
1945-46	22-25	18,288	15-30	11,609,569
1946-47	32-91	23,151	19-91	18,116,221
1947-48	33-00	32,714	19-03	14,379,298
1948-49	25-63	24,322	20-32	13,365,295
1949-50	32-62	24,228	21-37	17,834,614

Season.	Average Rainfall.	Wheat.	Wool.	Live Stock.
	Inches.	Acres.	Bushels.	No.
1945-46	29-97	21,970	25-20	11,292,314
1946-47	30-85	38,297	22-11	13,672,064
1947-48	40-91	29,746	22-11	14,737,138
1948-49	31-98	41,713	20-64	14,861,980
1949-50	33-72	42,056	18-58	16,135,493

Season.	Average Rainfall.	Wheat.	Wool.	Live Stock.
	Inches.	Acres.	Bushels.	No.
1945-46	28-69	2,848	23-73	10,041,701
1946-47	41-19	4,978	20-82	10,783,029
1947-48	36-10	4,449	19-06	10,699,271
1948-49	34-37	3,477	23-00	9,906,090
1949-50	30-72	3,337	21-12	11,705,041

VICTORIA

Showing Location of Butter Factories in operation, e.g., ● Orbest; also Rainfall and Statistics of Wheat, Wool and Live Stock, in each District for 5 years; and Agricultural, Dairying and Pastoral Statistics in detail, for the Season 1949-50.

SCALE OF MILES
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PART II.

LAND SETTLEMENT ; AGRICULTURE ; PASTORAL AND DAIRYING ; FORESTRY.

LAND AND SETTLEMENT.

The total area of the State is 56,245,760 acres. On 31st December, 1949, this comprised :—

	Acres.
Lands alienated in fee-simple	29,896,746
Lands in process of alienation	2,842,942
Crown lands	23,506,072
Total	56,245,760

The Crown lands comprise—

Permanent forests (under Forests Act)	4,237,551
Timber reserves (under Forests Act)	717,433
State Forests and timber reserves (under Land Act)	164,609
Water reserves	318,608
Reserves in the Mallee	410,000
Other reserves	548,795
Roads	1,794,218
Water frontages, beds of rivers, lakes, &c. ; unsold land in cities, towns, and boroughs	4,425,714
Land in occupation under—	
Perpetual leases	77,850
Leases of former Agricultural College lands	45,586
Other leases and licences	19,910
Temporary grazing licences	8,752,240
Unoccupied	1,993,558
Total	23,506,072

In the following table are shown the area of Crown lands sold absolutely and conditionally, and the area of lands alienated in fee-simple during the six years 1944-49. A portion of the area conditionally sold reverts to the Crown each year in consequence of the non-fulfilment of conditions by the selectors. The lands alienated each year include areas selected in previous years :—

**VICTORIA—ALIENATION OF CROWN LANDS, 1944
TO 1949.**

Year Ended 31st December.	Area of Crown Lands Sold.			Crown Lands alienated in Fee-simple.	
	Absolutely, at Auction, &c.	Conditionally to Selectors.	Total.	Area.	Purchase Money.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	£
1944	2,429	1,507	3,936	108,750	116,118
1945	1,991	139	2,130	183,342	98,315
1946	1,789	49	1,838	264,316	126,625
1947	2,974	..	2,974	247,189	161,135
1948	3,450	..	3,450	169,258	197,367
1949	2,596	..	2,596	128,699	237,476

Amount realized by sale of Crown lands. From the period of the first settlement of the State to the end of 1949 the amount realized by the sale of Crown lands was £8,298,175. Payment of a considerable portion of this amount extended over a series of years without interest, upon very easy terms.

Transfer of Land Act. The "Torrens System", whereby persons acquiring possession of land may receive a clear title, was introduced into Victoria in 1862. The system has been the means of simplifying procedure in connexion with the transfer of land, thereby reducing the cost of dealing in real estate, and giving a title to the transferee free of any latent defect. The Crown grant issues through the Titles Office.

In order to bring under the Transfer of Land Act land that was parted with prior to 1862 (5,142,321 acres), application must be made accompanied by strict proofs of the applicant's interest in the property.

During 1949 there were submitted 207 such applications in respect of land amounting in area to 590 acres, and in value to £110,554; while the land actually brought under the Act as a result of applications was 1,316 acres valued at £87,271. Up to the end of 1949 there had been brought under the Act 3,315,959 acres valued at £75,438,294. The area of land still under the Old Law System at the end of 1949 was 1,826,362 acres. A summary of dealings under the Transfer of Land Acts will be found in part "Accumulation" of the *Year-Book*.

Assurance Fund. In granting an application to have land brought under the *Transfer of Land Act* 1928, the Commissioner of Titles is required to issue a perfect Title save as to any circumstances of which he has had notice. To assure and indemnify the Government in a case where the Supreme Court or some higher Tribunal has decided that some person other than the applicant has an interest in the property, and it has consequently been found necessary to compensate such other person, there has been constituted an Assurance Fund which is built up of contributions of $\frac{1}{4}$ d. in the £ on the value of the land covered by the application. During 1949-50 receipts of the Fund comprised contributions, £3,985, and interest on stock, £3,269. Claims during the year amounted to £19, and the sum of £5,095 was paid out in accordance with section 3 of the *Special Funds Act* 1920 to provide for the interest on loan moneys expended on University buildings. The balance at the credit of the Assurance Fund on 30th June, 1950, was £122,810. The amount paid up to 30th June, 1950, as compensation and for judgments recovered, including costs, was £11,425.

DISCHARGED SOLDIERS' SETTLEMENT.

Soldier Settlement Commission. The *Soldier Settlement Act* 1945, No. 5107, *inter alia*, (a) authorized the ratification of an agreement between the State of Victoria and the Commonwealth of Australia relating to the settlement on land of discharged members of the forces; (b) provided for the constitution of a Soldier Settlement Commission consisting of three members to administer soldier settlement and the appointment of the necessary officers and employees of the Commission and local advisory committees; (c) provided for the raising of £15,000,000 towards soldier settlement and the application thereof; (d) prescribed the powers and functions of the Commission relating to the acquisition and setting apart of land for purposes of soldier settlement; (e) provided for the valuation of land and the determination of disputed claims for compensation; and (f) set out the general duties of the Commission as to the settlement of discharged soldiers on the land and the advances to such soldiers.

The *Soldier Settlement (Amendment) Act* 1946, No. 5133 (a) extended the powers of the Commission to subdivide land by enabling the setting aside of portions of the land for public purposes and the

disposal of unsuitable positions; (b) provided for the appointment of assessors, two of whom will sit with the judge during hearings of disputed claims for compensation; and (c) extended the power of the Commission to make advances to discharged soldiers to include the making of "advances in kind" of stock, implements, and equipment.

Section 41 of the principal Act imposed the duty on the Commission to recommend such other legislation considered to be necessary or expedient in order to give effect to the War Service Land Settlement Agreement. The performance of this duty resulted in the *Soldier Settlement Act 1946*, No. 5179, which (a) legislated in detail for the subdivision of lands acquired for soldier settlement and the settling of discharged soldiers thereon; (b) authorized the making of advances to discharged soldiers in connexion with single-unit farms and for "carrying-on" expenses and for the purchase of stock, plant, equipment, &c.; and (c) contained miscellaneous administrative provisions and made consequential amendments to the *Soldier Settlement Acts*.

To 30th June, 1950, the Commission has acquired by
Land Acquired. voluntary negotiation land as follows:—

	Acres.	Price Paid. £
Land acquired prior to 1st July, 1949 ..	652,158	5,969,127
Land acquired 1st July, 1949, to 30th June, 1950	79,994	1,175,313
	<hr/> 732,152	<hr/> 7,144,440

In addition to the land acquired, 24,116 acres of Crown Land have been set apart for settlement purposes.

In order to maintain production from acquired properties, it is the policy of the Commission to lease the land back to the vendors or to other suitable tenants pending sub-division and allocation to settlers.

To 30th June, 1950, 14,008 ex-servicemen had lodged
Applications for Land. applications for classification as to eligibility and suitability. Of this number, 12,565 have appeared before Classification Boards with the following results:—

Suitable for farm ownership	9,638
Suitable for further training	1,349
Unsuitable, withdrawn and deferred	1,578
	<hr/> 12,565

It is interesting to note that only 3,938 individual ex-servicemen, after having been classified as suitable, had actually lodged applications for land made available.

**Land
Allocated.**

Of the land acquired and set apart, 575,435 acres have been sub-divided into 1,321 holdings. These holdings were made available for application and to 30th June, 1950, 1,238 holdings, comprising 541,397 acres, have been allocated.

**Develop-
ment of
Holdings.**

The War Settlement Land Agreement provides that the State shall, *inter alia*, develop and improve land to a stage when it can be brought into production within a reasonable time. This work envisaged the erection of fencing and improvements, clearing, provision of water points, pasture improvement, planting of orchards, vineyards, &c., construction of roads, and arrangements for electricity supply if available. Tenders have been accepted for the construction of 1,035 new houses, and the renovation of a number of existing houses on purchased estates is proceeding.

Close co-operation exists between the Commission, the Country Roads Board, and the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission in connexion with the construction of necessary roads and the lay-out of irrigation farms, &c.

**Stock
Purchased.**

When purchasing some estates it was necessary to complete negotiations on a walk-in walk-out basis. In this way the Commission obtained 163,623 sheep, 4,307 cattle, and 217 horses. Thus, settlers obtain good station stock to form the nucleus of their flocks or herds.

**Single Unit
Farms.**

Financial assistance afforded to ex-servicemen to enable them to purchase farms of their own choosing is solely a State responsibility and is outside the terms of the War Service Land Settlement Agreement. The evidence to date shows that this form of re-habilitation is less costly to the State and more satisfactory to the ex-serviceman than that provided under the Agreement mentioned.

Applications for loans numbered 2,970 to 30th June, 1950. Financial assistance amounting to £6,464,854 has been approved in 1,835 cases; 1,038 applications were not granted, and the remainder are in stages of being dealt with. As advances of up to 90 per cent. of the Commission's valuations of the farms are provided for under the Act it is expected that some losses must be expected.

**Common-
wealth
Agricultural
Loans and
Allowances.**

The Commission as agent for the Commonwealth Government administers the *Re-Establishment and Employment Act* 1945 as far as it relates to the granting of agricultural loans and allowances. Loans are limited to £1,000 in each case and all capital is provided and administrative expenses are borne by the Commonwealth Government.

To 30th June, 1950, loans totalling £1,829,084 were granted to 2,849 ex-servicemen and allowances totalling £280,100 were made to 2,224 applicants.

WATERWORKS.

**State
Expenditure
on
Waterworks.**

All Victorian waterworks are controlled by official bodies, either State or local. The following table shows State expenditure (all of which was from loan funds) on works under the control of the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission, as well as grants and loans to local bodies. In addition to free grants to local bodies, large sums have been written off their liabilities. The following information has been taken from the Annual Report of the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission :—

VICTORIA—STATE EXPENDITURE AND LOAN LIABILITY ON WATERWORKS* TO 30TH JUNE, 1950.

Description of Works.	Capital Expenditure to 30th June, 1950.	Loan Redemption Paid.	Loan Liability at 30th June, 1950.
	£	£	£
Free Headworks	1,243,393	1,124	1,242,269
Capital Works and Charges not apportionable to Districts	4,672,495	379,515	4,292,980
Headworks Costs apportioned to Districts	13,869,851	147,189	13,722,662
Irrigation and Water Supply Districts (exclusive of Headworks Costs)	8,377,119	109,668	8,267,451
Urban Divisions of Irrigation Districts	85,218	2,405	82,813
Waterworks Districts (exclusive of Headworks Costs)	3,084,509	63,868	3,020,641
Urban Districts of Waterworks Districts (exclusive of Headworks Costs)	3,192,021	59,339	3,132,682
Flood Protection and Drainage Districts	517,222	8,885	508,337
Waterworks Trusts and Local Governing Bodies	5,638,471	874,528	4,763,943
TOTAL	40,680,299	1,646,521	£9,033,778

* Excluding Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works, Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust, and the Ballarat Water Commission, particulars of which appear in part "Local Government" of this issue.

IRRIGATION AND WATER SUPPLY DEVELOPMENT.

Progress of Irrigation. Prior to 1905 the management of irrigation in Victoria was in the hands of various Irrigation Trusts, which were financed by the State. These Trusts drifted into financial difficulties and the State was compelled to assume control. In the year mentioned, the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission was constituted and entrusted with the management of all irrigation works, except those controlled by the First Mildura Trust. This authority is embodied in the *Water Act* 1928, which consolidates the Water Acts of 1915, 1916, and 1918, and the *Ballarat Water Commissioners Act* 1921.

The particulars in the following statement, while not covering the whole of the activities of the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission, furnish a general idea of the development of water conservation and distribution, and of drainage and flood protection in districts under its administration :—

VICTORIA—WATER CONSERVATION AND DISTRIBUTION :
DRAINAGE AND FLOOD PROTECTION DISTRICTS.

	At 30th June	
	1907.	1950.
Area of State artificially supplied with water (acres)	10,800,000	15,359,700
Capacity of reservoirs .. (acre feet)	474,000	1,974,260
Irrigation Districts—		
Number of Districts administered	10	29
Number of Districts having Water Rights ..	Nil	26
Total of such Water Rights (acre feet)	Nil	553,602
Area classified as irrigable .. (acres)	..	1,047,254
Area under Irrigated Culture .. (acres)	108,000	662,290
Rural Waterworks Districts (Domestic and Stock Supply)—		
Number of Districts administered	3	30
Annual Value for Rating purposes .. (£)	125,000	1,621,681
Urban Districts—		
Number of Districts administered	1	90
Annual Value for Rating purposes .. (£)	5,600	1,143,086
Coliban System (Urban, Rural, Irrigation, and Mining Supplies)—	At 30th June, 1910.	
Annual Value for Urban Rating purposes (£)	317,750	473,931
Flood Protection Districts—		
Number of Districts administered .. ..	..	4
Drainage Districts—		
Number of Districts administered .. ..	..	1
Number of Assessments .. ..	..	4,871

Total area irrigated. The subjoined table shows the total extent of irrigated land in the State in each of the five years, 1946 to 1950, and the purposes for which the land was utilized. The area irrigated in 1948-49 (722,968 acres) was a record, being 14,378 acres in excess of the 1946-47 total. Areas of sown pastures irrigated have increased in latter years and in 1949-50 reached 374,847 acres. This tends to add stability to production and to provide a more productive use for the water available :—

VICTORIA—IRRIGATED AREAS : HOW UTILIZED.

Crop.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
Cereals	72,956	83,263	33,889	62,123	35,305
Lucerne	67,309	69,700	65,211	62,071	60,095
Sorghum and other annual fodders	15,152	17,657	8,685	9,937	7,903
Pastures	407,415	440,879	478,576	483,867	453,349
Vineyards, Orchards, and Market Gardens ..	83,579	87,953	88,539	90,028	93,034
Fallow and Miscellaneous ..	10,434	9,138	11,948	14,942	12,604
Total	656,845	708,590	686,848	722,968	662,290

Of the total area irrigated in 1949-50 (662,290 acres) the percentages devoted to different purposes were as follows :—Pastures, 69 ; lucerne, 9 ; vineyards, orchards, and gardens, 14 ; cereals, 5 ; sorghum and other annual fodder crops, 1 ; fallows and miscellaneous, 2.

Progress in Irrigation Areas, 1949-50. Dairying and fat lamb production are two of the principal industries in irrigation districts. Dairy herds grazed on irrigated pastures obtained prominent positions in the 1949-50 Standard Herd Test conducted by the Department of Agriculture.

The production of dried vine and tree fruits, of citrus, and of fruits for canning are established features in these districts. There has also been considerable expansion in vegetable growing and a development of the canning industry in relation thereto. The Victorian dried

EXISTING STORAGES—continued.

						Capacities in Acre Feet.
<i>Murray-Loddon System—</i>						
Hume Reservoir (half share of 1,250,000 acre feet)	..					625,000
Yarrawonga Weir (half share of 95,120 acre feet)	..					47,560
Torrumbarry (half share of 28,900 acre feet)	..					14,450
Mildura (half share of 29,360 acre feet)	..					14,680
Wentworth (half share of 38,140 acre feet)	..					19,070
Euston (half share of 31,320 acre feet)	..					15,660
Kow Swamp	..	..	..	..	..	40,860
Laanecoorie	..	..	..	..	..	6,300
Kerang North-west Lakes	..	..	..	..	..	69,400
Lake Boga	..	..	..	..	..	29,650
Lake Cullulleraine	..	..	..	..	..	2,000
						<hr/> 884,630
<i>Wimmera-Mallee System—</i>						
Fyans Lake	..	..	..	..	..	17,100
Lake Lonsdale	..	..	..	..	..	53,300
Wartook	..	..	..	..	..	23,800
Taylor's Lake	..	..	..	..	..	30,000
Pine Lake	..	..	..	..	..	52,000
Green Lake	..	..	..	..	..	6,600
Dock Lake	..	..	..	..	..	4,800
Moora	..	..	..	..	..	5,100
Lower Wimmera Weirs	..	..	..	..	..	2,870
Batyo Catyo (Avon Regulator)	..	..	..	..	..	5,000
Lake Whitton	..	..	..	..	..	1,300
Township Reservoirs, and Mallee Tanks	..	..	..	..	..	4,970
						<hr/> 206,840
<i>Maffra-Sale System—</i>						
Glenmaggie Reservoir (part of 150,000 acre feet)	..					104,500
Stratford Service Basin	..	..	..	..	..	20
Heyfield Service Basin	..	..	..	..	..	20
						<hr/> 104,540
<i>Coliban System—</i>						
Upper Coliban	..	..	..	..	..	25,700
Malmsbury	..	..	..	..	..	14,400
Lauriston	..	..	..	..	..	16,000
Spring Gully	..	..	..	..	..	2,000
Subsidiary Reservoirs	..	..	..	..	..	4,630
						<hr/> 62,730
<i>Werribee System—</i>						
Pykes Creek	..	..	..	..	..	19,400
Melton	..	..	..	..	..	15,500
						<hr/> 34,900

EXISTING STORAGES—*continued.*

						Capacities in Acre Feet.
<i>Bellarine Peninsula System—</i>						
Wurdee Boluc	..	..	..	..	..	10,000
Service Basins	..	..	..	..	..	850
						<hr/> 10,850
<i>Mornington Peninsula System—</i>						
Lysterfield ..	..	..	..	..	..	3,400
Beaconsfield	..	..	..	..	..	740
Frankston ..	..	..	..	..	..	660
Mornington ..	..	..	..	..	..	260
Bittern ..	..	..	..	..	..	480
Service Basins	..	..	..	..	..	260
						<hr/> 5,800
<i>Otway System—</i>						
Service Reservoirs	..	..	..	..	..	1,080
<i>Miscellaneous—</i>						
Eppalock ..	..	..	..	..	..	1,200
Wonthaggi ..	..	..	..	..	..	1,550
Wonthaggi Service Basins	..	..	..	..	..	10
Newstead ..	..	..	..	..	..	30
						<hr/> 2,790
Total capacity of existing Storages	..	..	..	..	..	<hr/>1,974,260

ADDITIONAL STORAGE BEING PROVIDED BY WORKS IN COURSE OF CONSTRUCTION.

<i>Wimmera-Mallee System—</i>						
Rocklands ..	..	..	..	..	..	264,000
<i>Murray-Loddon System—</i>						
Cairn Cuttran	..	..	..	..	..	120,000

FURTHER STORAGE WHICH COULD BE PROVIDED BY COMPLETION OF EXISTING WORKS.

<i>Maffra-Sale System—</i>						
Glenmaggie Reservoir (balance of 150,000 acre feet)	..	..	..	..	..	45,500
<i>Murray System—</i>						
Hume Reservoir, at junction with Mitta River (half share of balance of 2,000,000 acre feet)	..	..	..	..	..	375,000
						<hr/> 420,500
Total capacity of storages when works are completed	..	..	..	..	..	<hr/>2,778,760

Detailed descriptions of the various systems which have been instituted for irrigation and for supplying water for domestic and stock purposes appear in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29 (pp. 526 to 534).

METEOROLOGY.

Particulars in regard to climate and weather conditions have been furnished by the Meteorological Bureau, and are given in the following tables. In the first are shown the rainfall for each district and for the whole State for each of the years 1901 to 1951, together with the average rainfall covering a period of 30 years:—

VICTORIA—RAINFALL IN DISTRICTS.

Year Ended 31st December.	Districts.								Whole State.
	Mallee.	Wimmera.	North-ern.	North-Central.	North-Eastern.	Western.	Central.	Gipps-land.	
	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.
1901 ..	9.39	16.61	13.58	24.78	28.08	27.90	28.98	33.66	22.05
1902 ..	7.64	11.94	11.26	18.41	20.10	23.54	24.88	33.35	18.55
1903 ..	16.34	22.76	22.22	32.07	33.13	33.43	32.86	33.68	27.44
1904 ..	10.75	17.22	17.32	28.00	33.56	28.54	31.29	30.02	23.49
1905 ..	12.01	18.40	16.39	25.36	31.72	28.79	29.61	37.84	24.53
1906 ..	15.22	23.42	24.16	32.00	42.11	32.53	30.13	34.81	28.49
1907 ..	9.25	17.07	14.74	22.42	26.19	26.16	25.36	27.20	20.40
1908 ..	12.33	17.72	14.38	19.98	26.40	25.81	20.08	24.29	20.02
1909 ..	14.35	22.38	20.04	29.77	35.62	31.37	30.57	34.09	26.52
1910 ..	15.96	22.36	20.13	29.13	32.10	32.45	28.28	30.80	25.96
1911 ..	17.84	19.89	19.87	29.79	33.24	31.13	36.88	39.71	28.08
1912 ..	12.50	17.52	18.12	23.00	30.93	25.94	24.92	26.60	21.86
1913 ..	12.66	16.38	16.76	24.22	29.69	25.85	27.64	34.65	22.96
1914 ..	7.29	9.76	9.73	14.95	19.94	18.56	20.05	23.81	14.66
1915 ..	12.42	18.98	16.75	25.65	34.17	27.44	24.67	27.63	22.35
1916 ..	17.72	22.54	25.60	34.44	44.01	30.72	38.78	37.78	30.27
1917 ..	19.55	21.96	26.34	35.86	56.09	31.70	32.41	34.63	30.77
1918 ..	13.59	16.44	21.96	28.30	36.96	25.70	30.11	33.39	24.70
1919 ..	11.46	13.86	15.06	21.21	27.27	26.47	25.48	37.03	22.77
1920 ..	14.93	16.04	20.15	28.37	34.42	25.99	31.38	33.37	25.43
1921 ..	16.29	19.99	23.69	31.75	39.57	27.36	31.13	31.73	25.35
1922 ..	10.44	17.15	13.15	20.85	26.10	28.09	27.82	32.92	21.35
1923 ..	15.07	20.21	17.60	27.30	34.80	33.51	30.11	33.88	26.12
1924 ..	16.08	22.17	23.29	34.74	40.70	31.13	40.30	37.37	28.10
1925 ..	9.87	14.20	14.09	20.28	27.42	22.43	23.12	29.69	19.74
1926 ..	12.64	17.00	16.85	24.25	35.36	26.70	24.20	29.72	22.90
1927 ..	7.66	13.93	11.14	18.67	26.15	23.20	22.16	28.43	18.56
1928 ..	14.04	19.10	21.27	29.56	37.21	30.46	29.86	33.98	26.14
1929 ..	9.10	15.56	13.65	24.20	27.24	29.28	31.13	32.36	22.00
1930 ..	15.32	20.94	19.68	30.59	32.49	29.43	30.85	33.66	25.76
1931 ..	14.86	19.25	21.77	31.20	43.18	28.79	32.88	32.65	26.97
1932 ..	14.96	18.90	20.60	29.63	34.33	31.85	32.91	34.19	26.34
1933 ..	14.13	20.96	20.25	31.09	32.09	26.87	27.56	30.65	24.47
1934 ..	13.21	16.64	21.01	28.57	42.81	29.20	35.60	43.39	27.60
1935 ..	10.84	17.71	19.53	29.14	35.86	30.49	34.23	42.53	25.63
1936 ..	14.39	19.41	19.50	28.47	35.52	26.91	30.24	36.38	25.63
1937 ..	12.69	17.19	13.70	20.08	26.25	26.39	25.20	28.33	21.02
1938 ..	6.30	11.39	8.66	15.62	20.49	22.63	20.47	26.39	16.28
1939 ..	15.32	20.33	27.72	37.83	53.05	32.94	38.10	38.16	31.37
1940 ..	6.82	11.26	9.67	17.13	21.21	21.51	22.81	26.94	16.73
1941 ..	12.23	20.14	17.81	25.39	30.41	29.73	31.53	33.13	24.29
1942 ..	14.31	22.04	19.66	31.91	38.28	30.54	29.68	31.59	26.28
1943 ..	8.25	13.48	10.98	20.22	26.76	25.86	22.46	30.05	19.44
1944 ..	6.59	10.46	9.24	17.10	20.72	24.30	23.97	27.54	17.09
1945 ..	9.63	15.20	14.84	21.72	29.97	25.21	22.25	28.60	20.50
1946 ..	14.07	22.07	17.76	29.86	39.85	40.20	33.04	41.19	29.37
1947 ..	15.16	22.71	20.35	32.93	40.91	33.80	33.00	36.10	28.46
1948 ..	11.29	19.15	16.46	24.82	31.98	28.37	25.93	34.37	23.61
1949 ..	11.80	16.67	20.45	31.35	33.72	26.91	32.62	36.72	25.05
1950 ..	17.57	20.04	23.67	31.63	35.03	24.01	30.82	36.65	26.52
1951 ..	12.09	19.61	20.26	31.87	37.45	33.32	34.71	41.78	27.91
Ave- rages*	12.49	17.52	18.09	27.06	34.81	27.58	29.64	33.47	24.28

* Averages for a standard 30 years' period 1911-1940.

The heaviest rainfall in the State occurs in the Eastern highlands (from the Yarra watershed to the Upper Murray), in the Cape Otway Forest in the Western District, and in the South Gippsland, Latrobe and Thomson Basin sections of the Gippsland District. The lightest rainfall is in the Mallee District, the northern portion of which receives on the average from 10 to 12 inches only per year.

The means of the climatic elements for the seasons in Melbourne deduced from all available official records are given in the following table :—

MEANS OF CLIMATIC ELEMENTS IN MELBOURNE.

Meteorological Elements.	Spring.	Summer.	Autumn.	Winter.
Mean pressure of air in inches	29·974	29·920	30·079	30·077
Monthly range of pressure of air—inches	0·886	0·768	0·816	0·974
Mean temperature of air in shade—° Fahr.	57·8	66·6	59·4	50·0
Mean daily range of temperature of air in shade—° Fahr.	18·7	21·1	17·4	14·0
Mean relative humidity. Saturation = 100	65	59	69	74
Mean rainfall in inches	7·16	6·26	6·46	6·01
Mean number of days of rain	42	28	36	50
Mean amount of spontaneous evaporation in inches	10·26	17·30	8·03	3·78
Mean daily amount of cloudiness—Scale 0 to 8	6·0	5·2	5·9	6·5
Mean number of days of fog	1	1	7	12

In the subjoined statement are shown the yearly means of the climatic elements in Melbourne for 1949 together with averages and number of years of record for each element as well as the extremes between which the yearly mean values of such elements have oscillated in the latter periods.

YEARLY MEANS AND EXTREMES OF CLIMATIC ELEMENTS IN MELBOURNE.

Meteorological Elements.	Mean for Year 1949.	Means Over Period of Years.			
		Number of Years Recorded.	Mean for Period.	Extremes between which the yearly mean values have oscillated during the number of years shown in second column.	
				Highest.	Lowest.
Mean atmospheric pressure (inches) ..	30.020	92	30.012	30.106	29.945
Highest atmospheric pressure (inches)	30.630	92	30.603	30.770	30.405
Lowest atmospheric pressure (inches)	29.343	92	29.251	29.495	28.942
Range (inches)	1.287	92	1.354	1.719	1.074
Mean temperature of air in shade (° Fahr.)	57.0	94	58.5	59.9	57.0
Mean daily maximum (° Fahr.) ..	65.5	94	67.4	69.4	65.4
Mean daily minimum (° Fahr.) ..	48.5	94	49.5	51.2	47.2
Absolute maximum (° Fahr.) ..	99.8	94	104.9	114.1	96.6
Absolute minimum (° Fahr.) ..	32.0	94	31.0	34.2	27.0
Mean daily range (° Fahr.) ..	16.9	94	17.8	20.4	15.0
Absolute annual range (° Fahr.) ..	67.8	94	74.0	84.1	66.0
Terrestrial radiation (mean minima) (° Fahr.)	44.9	89	44.0	47.1	39.5
Rainfall (in inches)	31.41	94	25.89	38.04	15.61
Number of wet days	163	94	156	187	102
Year's amount of free evaporation (in inches)	38.77	77	39.37	45.66	31.59
Percentage of humidity (saturation = 100)	66	93	67	76	58
Cloudiness (scale 8 = overcast, 0 = clear)	6.5	92	5.9	6.7	4.8
Number of days of fog	19	92	21	50	5

An estimate of the areas of the State, subject to different degrees of rainfall, is contained in the following statement:—

VICTORIA—DISTRIBUTION OF AVERAGE RAINFALL.

Rainfall.							Area.
Inches.							Square Miles.
Under 15	..	..	..	..	..	..	18,701
15 to 20	..	..	..	..	..	..	13,800
20 to 25	..	..	..	..	..	..	13,551
25 to 30	..	..	..	..	..	..	14,528
30 to 40	..	..	..	..	..	..	15,802
40 to 50	..	..	..	..	..	..	6,671
50 to 60	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,660
Over 60	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,171

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION.

This Department is controlled by a Minister of the Department of Crown, under whom there is a staff of experts with the Agriculture.

Director of Agriculture as permanent head. These officers are actively engaged in supervising all matters relating to agricultural, dairying, and pastoral industries of the State, and in giving advice to those engaged therein.

Government Experimental Farms. Research and experimental work are conducted at the State Research Farm at Werribee, the Mallee Research Station at Walpeup, the Horticultural Research Station at Tatura, the Rutherglen State Farm, the Longerenong Agricultural College, the Dookie Agricultural College, the School of Dairy Technology and Dairy Research Institute, Werribee, and at the School of Primary Agriculture, Burnley. A Potato Experimental Station has been established at Healesville, and Horticultural Research and Tobacco Research Stations at Scoresby and Myrtleford respectively. In addition, experiments and demonstrations are conducted on many selected private farms throughout the State and, in conjunction with the Victorian Pasture Improvement League, on some 80 pasture experiment plots.

At the State Research Farm, Werribee, experiments are undertaken for the improvement of wheat and other cereals, grasses, clovers, and various economic plants, and investigations made into the methods and problems relating to irrigated agriculture and the breeding and feeding of dairy cattle, horses, sheep and poultry. At the School of Dairy Technology the higher training of dairy factory operatives and research and investigation into problems arising in the manufacture of dairy produce are undertaken.

Work at the Rutherglen Farm, which serves as a research station for the North-East, includes various aspects of cereal growing and pasture improvement. It was here that the initial experiments were conducted (1911-1918) which resulted in the widespread practice of the topdressing of pastures with phosphates. The Mallee Research Station was established in 1932. In addition to cereal and grazing investigations, an important feature of the work at this station is research concerning various grasses with the view to producing a pasture which will thrive under Mallee conditions. Special attention is being paid to the problem of sand drift. At Longerenong and Dookie, experiments are conducted on wheat and oat cultivation for Wimmera and north-eastern conditions respectively. At the School of Primary Agriculture, Burnley, in addition to instruction in, and study of, horticultural problems, research work on the breeding and selection of grasses and clovers is carried on; a Plant Research Laboratory mainly devoted to plant pathological and entomological research has also been established.

The Horticultural Research Station at Tatura was established as a research centre for the purpose of improving varieties of fruits. Officers are now engaged in the study of irrigation and soil fertility in the Goulburn Valley in relation to the production of canning fruits.

The work at the Government experimental plots on selected farms embraces investigations into pasture improvement, grazing trials and the cultivation of wheat, oats, barley, potatoes, tobacco, maize, broom millet and vegetables.

The pasture experiments are largely responsible for advances made in pasture improvement throughout Victoria. It is estimated that topdressing results in an increase in carrying capacity of about 50 per cent. above pastures not similarly treated. During the season 1950-51 7,185,111 acres were topdressed, as compared with 6,726,723 acres in 1949-50.

Agricultural Colleges. An Act for the establishment of Agricultural Colleges was passed in 1884, and 14,458 acres, comprising 5,955 acres at Dookie, 2,386 acres at Longerenong, 2,500 acres at Gunyah Gunyah, 2,800 acres at Olangolah, and 817 acres at Bullarto, were reserved as sites for colleges and experimental farms. Only the lands at Dookie and Longerenong are being used for college purposes and in 1944 all the other areas reverted to the Crown under the provisions of the *Agricultural Colleges Act 1944*. This Act, which also abolished the Council of Agricultural Education, provided that the two colleges should be controlled by the State through the medium of the Minister of Agriculture. The fee for students in residence at the agricultural colleges is £59 5s. per annum for maintenance. No charge is made for instruction. Accommodation is provided at Dookie for 130 and at Longerenong for 70 students. At Dookie the special annexe which was established for the training of discharged servicemen, is now being used for farmers' classes, women's classes and other similar short-term instruction.

A property at Glenormiston (in the Western District) has recently been purchased for the purpose of establishing a dairy college, while a second property at Ellenbank, near Warragul, is to be established as an Animal Husbandry Research Centre.

Inspection of Orchards, Nurseries, &c. The orchards, nurseries and gardens of the State are systematically inspected by officers of the Horticultural Division of the Department of Agriculture. All plant material entering Victoria, whether from other Australian States or overseas, is subject to strict inspection and measures are taken when necessary either to free such material of disease or to have it destroyed.

Melbourne University School of Agriculture. Melbourne University has a well-equipped School of Agriculture, for the maintenance of which a special grant is provided by the State. This School affords opportunity for the training of students in science as applied to practical agriculture and kindred industries. The course occupies

four years. The first is devoted to pure science ; during the second the students are in residence at the Dookie Agricultural College, engaged in practical farming with lectures on preparatory subjects, and the remaining two years are devoted to a more specialized study of agriculture and allied subjects on a scientific basis. A large number of graduates of this school is employed, mostly in the Victorian Department of Agriculture, on field advisory work and laboratory investigations.

**Commonwealth
Scientific and
Industrial
Research
Organization.**

The Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization was established on 19th May, 1949, when the *Science and Industry Research Act* 1949 was proclaimed. Under that Act the Organization took the place of the existing Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, which in turn had in 1926 taken the place of the former Institute of Science and Industry.

The powers and functions of the Organization are similar to those of the Council and include the initiation and carrying out of research in connexion with, or for the promotion of, primary and secondary industries in the Commonwealth or any territory of the Commonwealth, or in connexion with any matter referred to the Organization by the Minister ; the training of research workers ; the making of grants in aid of pure scientific research ; the testing and standardization of scientific apparatus and instruments, and the carrying out of scientific investigations connected with standardization ; the collection and dissemination of information relating to scientific and technical matters ; the publication of scientific and technical reports and periodicals ; and acting as a means of liaison with other countries in matters of scientific research.

**Bureau of
Agricultural
Economics.**

The Commonwealth Bureau of Agricultural Economics was established in August, 1945, in order to meet the need for a Commonwealth research and investigating authority in the fields of agricultural economics and rural policy.

The Bureau was developed from the rural division of the Ministry of Post-War Reconstruction in which Department it was first established. In 1946 it was transferred to the Department of Commerce and Agriculture, and is comprised of the following sections :—(1) General and Statistics ; (2) Agricultural Commodities ; (3) Land Use ; and (4) Wool.

No administrative functions are vested in the Bureau. It is specifically a service institution charged with the duty of undertaking fact-finding researches, studying and interpreting the facts and making the results available to all concerned, including Commonwealth and State Departments, semi-governmental and private institutions and individuals.

Reference to the activities of the wool section of the Bureau appears on page 122 of this issue of the *Year-Book*.

AGRICULTURE.

In all divisions of the State there are areas suitable for cultivation. The area cultivated in 1949-50 was 6,910,090 acres, as compared with 6,988,526 acres in the previous season, and an annual average of 5,977,754 acres for the seasons 1941-45, 7,779,443 acres for the seasons 1936-40, 7,739,251 acres for the seasons 1926-35, 6,446,389 acres for the seasons 1916-25, 5,032,359 acres for the seasons 1906-15, and 3,547,111 acres for the seasons 1896-1905.

The following table shows the area under cultivation from period to period during the last 96 years :—

VICTORIA—ACREAGE CULTIVATED ANNUALLY, 1856 TO 1951.

Period or Year (ended March).	Annual average area in each decennium, 1856 to 1925, and actual area each year 1926-1951, under—		
	Crop.	Fallow.	Total Cultivation.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1856-65	325,676	12,146	337,822
1866-75	624,377	57,274	681,651
1876-85	1,306,920	137,536	1,444,456
1886-95	2,109,326	364,282	2,473,608
1896-1905	3,022,914	524,197	3,547,111
1906-15	3,756,211	1,276,148	5,032,359
1916-25	4,594,244	1,852,145	6,446,389
1926	4,433,492	2,457,136	6,890,628
1927	4,735,173	2,569,021	7,304,194
1928	4,942,258	2,692,044	7,634,302
1929	5,505,651	2,683,462	8,189,113
1930	5,579,258	2,482,662	8,061,920
1931	6,715,660	2,590,629	9,306,289
1932	5,407,109	2,145,819	7,552,928
1933	5,115,745	2,633,287	7,749,032
1934	5,266,913	2,543,043	7,809,956
1935	4,677,683	2,216,464	6,894,147
1936	4,438,761	2,358,777	6,797,538
1937	4,407,312	2,483,163	6,890,475
1938	4,662,354	2,604,556	7,266,910
1939	5,019,299	2,543,225	7,562,524
1940	5,002,362	2,377,405	7,379,767
1941	4,467,191	1,887,418	6,354,609
1942	4,731,712	2,101,360	6,833,072
1943	3,838,415	1,660,171	5,498,586
1944	3,478,889	1,719,363	5,198,252
1945	4,310,152	1,694,097	6,004,249
1946	5,327,122	2,394,032	7,721,154
1947	5,102,980	2,460,350	7,563,330
1948	5,023,149	2,527,306	7,550,455
1949	4,644,841	2,343,685	6,988,526
1950	4,480,202	2,429,888	6,910,090
1951	4,351,220	2,153,611	6,504,831

The following table is a classification of rural holdings in Victoria (including Crown lands held) in which sizes of holdings together with areas under wheat and numbers of stock carried are shown. More detailed information in respect of earlier years appears on pages 436 to 438 of the 1938-39 *Year-Book* :—

VICTORIA—SIZE OF HOLDINGS SHOWING AREAS UNDER WHEAT AND STOCK DEPASTURED, MARCH, 1948.

Size of Holdings. (Including Crown Lands Held).	Number of Holdings.	Area Occupied.	Wheat 1947-48.	Sheep.	Dairy Cattle.	Beef- cattle.	Pigs.
Acres.		Acres.	Acres.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1- 19 ..	9,031	88,300	76	6,111	21,814	1,751	8,622
20- 49 ..	8,087	254,641	1,476	26,918	53,392	4,395	12,206
50- 99 ..	7,692	555,551	7,194	94,277	165,765	11,651	29,249
100- 199 ..	11,521	1,635,705	40,153	413,987	417,074	39,190	70,121
200- 299 ..	6,356	1,543,814	55,901	641,809	243,915	43,030	40,857
300- 399 ..	5,251	1,783,528	120,947	932,934	168,517	45,301	30,149
400- 499 ..	3,233	1,444,597	131,476	849,165	92,899	39,975	16,223
500- 599 ..	2,635	1,435,835	151,991	832,256	59,185	37,653	11,400
600- 699 ..	3,252	2,084,106	319,137	1,070,259	52,912	38,042	10,886
700- 799 ..	1,895	1,416,178	177,530	835,474	33,602	34,932	6,714
800- 899 ..	1,487	1,252,002	168,006	773,377	21,217	22,491	4,596
900- 999 ..	1,447	1,376,205	210,929	781,922	17,980	18,290	3,384
1,000- 1,999 ..	5,995	8,251,645	1,169,743	4,441,713	71,489	123,118	15,789
2,000- 4,999 ..	2,345	6,711,384	576,066	3,478,018	28,789	105,102	5,559
5,000- 9,999 ..	445	2,980,900	80,330	1,538,023	6,688	44,553	797
10,000-19,999 ..	144	2,005,186	13,331	756,703	1,828	30,601	183
20,000-49,999 ..	70	2,155,521	1,678	352,568	2,749	39,719	88
50,000-99,999 ..	15	917,872	618	16,690	292	3,659	232
100,000 and over	9	1,451,632	580	34,458	117	6,070	24
Totals ..	70,910	39,344,602	3,227,162	17,876,662	1,460,224	689,523	267,079

The following table shows the annual average area, production, and yield per acre during each decennium, 1855 to 1945, and the actual area, production and yield per acre for the principal crops (excluding vegetables and fruit) during each of the four seasons, 1948-1951 :—

Principal
Crops (Area,
Production,
and Average
Yield).

VICTORIA—ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND AVERAGE YIELD OF FIVE PRINCIPAL CROPS, 1855 TO 1951.

Period or Season.	Wheat.*	Oats.*	Barley.*	Potatoes.	Hay.
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ANNUAL AREA.

	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1855-65 ..	119,001	83,296	4,843	24,123	80,117
1865-75 ..	278,077	129,384	19,262	36,744	117,393
1875-85 ..	776,031	147,343	41,188	39,089	226,775
1885-95 ..	1,236,501	210,901	64,310	48,009	437,087
1895-1905 ..	1,898,280	340,957	52,829	45,243	540,472
1905-15 ..	2,190,336	390,642	60,378	56,272	848,587
1915-25 ..	2,633,945	428,372	84,205	61,195	1,122,978
1925-35 ..	3,268,656	445,987	88,358	65,677	1,057,905
1935-45 ..	2,448,954	493,634	141,836	48,060	982,276
1947-48 ..	3,227,162	650,119	164,189	59,400	657,146
1948-49 ..	2,995,705	539,603	195,779	45,785	591,341
1949-50 ..	2,828,273	483,190	236,123	50,651	606,525
1950-51 ..	2,735,473	527,217	217,096	52,482	557,454

ANNUAL PRODUCTION.

	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.
1855-65 ..	2,198,874	2,068,648	103,575	62,723	111,806
1865-75 ..	4,385,814	2,636,747	390,337	111,800	153,852
1875-85 ..	8,593,308	3,297,468	799,938	135,614	276,771
1885-95 ..	12,268,905	4,649,393	1,187,007	170,905	547,092
1895-1905 ..	14,032,145	6,649,453	947,580	134,357	672,982
1905-15 ..	22,906,743	7,342,468	1,243,442	158,445	1,084,726
1915-25 ..	39,171,358	7,965,864	1,923,654	169,864	1,511,298
1925-35 ..	38,661,077	5,696,134	1,772,099	167,965	1,242,808
1935-45 ..	31,723,840	5,144,194	2,126,636	165,756	1,145,099
1947-48 ..	46,962,385	15,380,970	3,576,771	184,882	1,042,438
1948-49 ..	49,063,560	7,489,601	3,547,691	166,105	933,983
1949-50 ..	57,433,835	8,718,307	4,876,180	167,881	1,000,855
1950-51 ..	51,235,929	9,034,005	4,510,079	139,391	894,585

AVERAGE ANNUAL YIELD PER ACRE.

	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.
1855-65 ..	18·48	24·83	21·39	2·60	1·40
1865-75 ..	15·77	20·38	20·27	3·04	1·31
1875-85 ..	11·07	22·38	19·42	3·47	1·22
1885-95 ..	9·92	22·05	18·46	3·56	1·21
1895-1905 ..	7·39	19·50	17·94	2·97	1·25
1905-15 ..	10·46	18·79	20·59	2·82	1·28
1915-25 ..	14·87	18·60	22·84	2·78	1·35
1925-35 ..	11·83	12·77	20·06	2·56	1·17
1935-45 ..	12·95	10·42	14·99	3·45	1·17
1947-48 ..	14·55	23·66	21·78	3·11	1·59
1948-49 ..	16·38	13·88	18·12	3·63	1·58
1949-50 ..	20·31	18·04	20·65	3·31	1·65
1950-51 ..	18·73	17·14	20·77	2·66	1·60

* For grain.

**Growers of
certain crops,
season
1949-50.**

The following table shows the number of growers of certain primary products, in each statistical district of the State, for the season 1949-50.

The information has no relation to the number of rural holdings in the State, as numbers of occupiers engage in the cultivation of more than one of the crops enumerated :—

VICTORIA—GROWERS OF CERTAIN CROPS—SEASON 1949-50.

Crops Grown.	Growers in each Statistical District.								State Total.
	Central.	North- Central.	Wes- tern.	Wim- mera.	Mallee.	Nor- thern.	North- East- tern.	Gipps- land.	
Grain Crops—	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Wheat ..	431	312	579	3,853	3,060	3,706	509	62	12,512
Oats ..	376	285	729	1,794	1,864	2,119	352	42	7,561
Barley ..	656	76	300	794	727	863	61	146	3,623
Maize ..	12	7	..	..	..	1	95	224	339
Hay—									
All kinds ..	4,738	1,724	5,562	2,669	1,223	4,353	2,537	4,678	27,484
Green Fodder—									
Maize ..	758	49	176	6	6	14	61	833	1,903
Lucerne ..	158	49	43	18	34	149	37	56	544
Millet ..	291	26	121	10	27	148	161	453	1,237
All other ..	156	88	126	11	17	50	66	112	626
Other—									
Potatoes ..	2,152	607	1,035	37	9	34	264	938	5,076
Onions ..	490	..	276	3	4	3	2	26	804
Other Vegetables	1,945	33	179	123	250	884	56	195	3,665
Orchards ..	2,446	200	153	239	900	1,114	281	149	5,482
Vineyards ..	2	3	..	38	2,157	197	71	..	2,468
Grass and Clover Seed ..	19	62	90	10	2	19	19	13	234
Tobacco ..	..	..	..	..	..	3	61	..	64*
Flax ..	18	..	92	8	..	..	20	4	142
Linseed ..	13	..	121	4	3	10	7	..	158

* Excluding Share-farmers.

**Area Cultivated
1949-50.**

A summary of the area under cultivation in each County

VICTORIA—AREA UNDER CULTIVATION

Districts and Counties.	Grain Crops.					Potatoes.	Onions.	Hay (Wheaten, Oaten, Lucerne, Grass, &c).
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Peas.			
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
Central District—								
Bourke	7,382	5,020	4,802	..	168	3,490	511	36,716
Grant	16,845	5,844	24,314	..	4,705	7,980	960	34,033
Mornington	1	102	10	76	41	6,753	198	33,282
Evelyn .. ..	..	87	249	..	12	3,808	11	6,131
North-Central District—								
Anglesey	486	425	93	32	205	753	..	4,244
Dalhousie	924	878	23	..	8	2,379	..	7,440
Talbot	18,085	7,145	1,615	..	278	6,608	..	28,901
Western District—								
Grenville	8,639	4,894	3,999	..	2,054	783	1,025	15,253
Polwarth	34	320	1,129	..	2,428	3,011	674	9,043
Heytesbury	227	20	64	..	1	134	..	15,298
Hampden	8,080	6,012	1,506	..	170	148	79	18,602
Ripon	28,483	11,831	1,435	..	100	613	1	17,602
Villiers	559	1,256	623	..	3,242	2,720	394	23,170
Normanby	415	938	541	..	1,434	658	..	17,661
Dundas	1,146	3,635	388	..	1,351	21	..	16,064
Follett	13	258	..	..	..	150	..	3,378
Wimmera District—								
Lowan	195,872	47,319	26,089	..	30	7	..	21,258
Borung	550,584	30,657	33,357	..	2	94	4	23,065
Kara Kara	169,311	32,256	5,913	..	1	43	..	10,357
Mallee District—								
Millewa	54,349	6,404	20	..	..	..	..	2,451
Weeah	136,261	27,586	17,164	..	..	..	..	4,267
Karkarooc	639,206	97,299	55,976	..	..	4	2	16,251
Tatchera	405,974	73,205	7,750	..	2	9	2	13,619
Northern District—								
Gunbower	17,709	6,201	16,407	..	..	3	..	14,446
Gladstone	122,318	35,006	5,119	..	5	..	1	8,604
Bendigo	98,058	18,025	3,971	..	8	2	..	17,598
Rodney	47,303	14,708	13,246	..	7	..	1	35,006
Moirs	253,996	36,853	1,617	3	64	145	3	27,369
North-Eastern District—								
Delatite	5,788	3,075	340	422	66	1,089	14	21,644
Bogong	36,066	4,745	479	518	32	597	4	19,006
Benambra	202	325	110	31	20	10	..	5,648
Wonnangatta .. ..	..	10	..	30	..	7	..	400
Gippsland District—								
Croajingolong .. ..	..	..	..	760	21	75	..	1,951
Tambo	8	59	55	834	97	141	..	1,762
Dargo	46	55	272	714	70	159	..	1,910
Tanjil	3,263	416	5,315	1,707	120	621	2	20,762
Buln Buln	40	321	2,132	9	48	7,636	207	52,333
Total for State ..	2,828,273	483,190	236,123	5,136	16,790	50,651	4,093	606,525

of the State for the season 1949-50 is given in the following table:—
FOR THE SEASON 1949-50.

Flax.	Green Fodder.	Grass and Clover for Seed.	Tobacco.	Vines.	Area Sown to Vegetables (other than Potatoes and Onions).	Orchards.	All Other Crops.	Total Area under Crops.	Land in Fallow.	Total Area under Cultivation.
Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
..	2,014	85	..	..	10,455	9,565	1,471	81,679	23,338	105,017
669	784	135	..	..	2,523	1,493	807	101,092	26,186	127,278
35	4,997	212	..	3	5,414	11,190	1,285	63,599	9,984	73,583
50	865	60	..	1	2,289	6,664	610	20,837	3,264	24,101
..	504	3	..	..	53	2	17	6,817	1,384	8,201
..	763	394	..	40	23	21	138	13,031	1,268	14,299
..	2,118	2,452	..	11	47	2,872	341	71,073	17,535	88,608
312	280	1,023	..	..	54	219	793	39,328	6,194	45,522
392	1,401	2,476	..	..	789	111	504	22,312	832	23,144
..	709	..	..	..	7	30	395	16,885	2,273	19,158
1,489	505	392	..	..	43	3	3,633	40,662	8,949	49,611
605	250	230	..	..	13	4	387	61,554	9,728	71,282
450	863	143	..	..	50	..	284	33,754	4,380	38,134
238	1,541	158	..	..	109	601	1,293	25,587	2,976	28,563
236	604	525	..	..	53	30	1,545	25,598	3,843	29,441
188	808	400	..	..	..	31	177	5,403	1,338	6,741
..	384	887	..	23	19	999	343	293,230	179,911	473,141
..	146	79	..	580	463	2,359	342	641,732	512,911	1,154,643
..	71	..	..	42	3	191	90	218,278	152,973	371,251
..	350	..	..	224	6	63	428	64,295	14,635	78,930
..	2	..	..	..	..	..	7,884	193,164	138,608	331,772
..	921	..	..	31,899	713	2,614	5,840	850,725	549,297	1,400,022
..	1,043	170	..	7,736	1,639	1,506	1,258	513,913	323,270	837,183
..	2,698	310	10	14	160	1,219	1,257	60,434	19,732	80,166
..	1,175	..	..	1	29	177	..	172,435	93,409	265,844
..	372	104	..	25	1,563	1,897	34	141,657	76,004	217,661
..	1,616	128	..	244	1,847	11,646	159	125,911	39,221	165,132
..	997	256	14	645	3,485	13,191	188	338,826	170,348	509,174
323	2,150	808	541	71	109	533	402	37,375	4,329	41,704
216	1,158	494	354	3,827	272	1,294	532	69,594	12,090	81,684
..	565	..	..	..	7	18	32	6,968	365	7,333
..	5	..	..	..	1	5	8	466	107	573
..	352	..	..	..	266	18	255	3,698	553	4,251
..	629	..	..	..	945	26	456	5,012	222	5,234
..	870	40	..	..	1,000	83	380	5,599	664	6,263
..	2,877	..	..	..	399	124	101	35,707	3,235	38,942
58	7,541	64	..	..	513	247	823	71,972	14,532	86,504
5,261	44,928	12,028	919	45,386	35,361	71,046	34,492	4,480,202	2,429,888	6,910,090

Yields of
Principal Crops.

The table which follows shows the yields, in Counties,

VICTORIA—YIELDS OF PRINCIPAL

Districts and Counties.	Grain Crops.					Potatoes.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Peas.	
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.
Central District—						
Bourke	156,321	159,039	133,435	..	5,261	13,401
Grant	366,380	167,784	792,292	..	56,445	22,144
Mornington	18	44	321	2,148	797	20,747
Evelyn .. ..	..	1,517	6,180	..	236	12,911
North-Central District—						
Anglesey	9,362	7,385	1,086	541	5,506	2,224
Dalhousie	17,003	18,347	392	..	99	6,846
Talbot	466,306	205,321	52,520	..	8,169	24,425
Western District—						
Grenville	153,966	136,038	117,222	..	30,888	2,497
Polwarth	444	5,764	25,933	..	36,782	11,487
Heytesbury	2,090	493	995	..	31	380
Hampden	182,112	198,799	47,916	..	3,680	572
Ripon	724,975	424,568	49,394	..	2,350	2,961
Villiers	13,753	39,187	18,816	..	61,715	9,077
Normanby	8,042	22,863	14,116	..	20,541	2,081
Dundas	17,598	57,439	10,307	..	24,924	63
Follett	157	3,128	..	..	..	444
Wimmera District—						
Lowan	5,006,749	743,106	472,535	..	620	17
Borung	14,286,237	496,992	562,094	..	62	341
Kara Kara	4,192,630	627,807	121,362	..	31	167
Mallee District—						
Millewa	443,245	56,513	147	..	..	..
Weeah	1,857,681	309,152	227,852	..	..	..
Karkaroc	9,960,017	1,118,035	797,438	..	..	16
Tatchera	7,606,483	1,253,569	176,673	..	109	16
Northern District—						
Gunbower	377,479	153,854	443,292	..	..	9
Gladstone	2,642,467	675,343	85,200	..	F	..
Bendlgo	1,907,819	410,711	92,820	..	53	5
Rodney	1,060,355	361,501	403,389	..	682	..
Moir	5,109,329	856,164	31,589	150	755	561
North-Eastern District—						
Delatite	76,717	62,394	5,118	12,935	1,659	4,754
Bogong	714,563	123,910	13,217	13,940	1,147	2,357
Benambra	2,630	4,960	4,170	1,690	440	33
Wonnangatta .. ..	..	158	..	1,185	..	18
Gippsland District—						
Croajingolong .. ..	..	..	..	30,237	248	223
Tambo	217	1,409	1,513	39,298	3,054	483
Dargo	405	1,400	7,510	27,183	1,783	309
Tanjil	69,901	11,303	136,293	64,679	2,799	1,887
Bulu Bulu	384	2,310	23,043	135	2,616	24,425
Total for State ..	57,433,835	8,718,307	4,876,180	194,121	273,483	167,881

NOTE.—The letter "F" signifies that the crop was a failure.

of the principal crops for the season 1949-50 :—

CROPS FOR THE SEASON 1949-50.

Onions.	Hay (Wheaten, Oaten, Lucerne, Grass, &c.).	Grass and Clover for Seed.	Tobacco.	Wine Made.	Dried Vine-Fruits.		
					Raisins.	Sultanas.	Currants.
Tons.	Tons.	Cwt.	Cwt.	Gallons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
3,619	63,830	14	..	3,230,129	..	..	..
4,192	59,708	360	..		..	..	..
1,101	59,597	252	..		..	..	..
53	11,069	3	..		..	..	..
..	7,214	1	..		..	..	..
..	13,212	605	..		..	..	..
..	55,880	3,763	..		..	..	..
6,450	26,364	1,820	..		..	..	..
5,029	16,305	2,933	..		..	..	..
..	28,524	..	..		..	..	..
604	35,314	724	..	3,230,129	..	..	..
6	33,102	188	..		..	..	..
2,862	42,741	292	..		..	..	..
..	31,737	281	..		..	..	..
..	25,252	1,307	..		..	..	..
..	5,965	150	..		..	..	..
..	26,446	573	..		..	..	1
24	32,167	127	..		..	..	..
..	14,244	..	..		..	..	..
..	1,171	..	..		23	202	39
..	3,228	..	..		4,085	33,703	6,604
13	13,058	..	..		262	3,917	286
10	15,582	118	..		..	..	..
..	20,650	448	63	3,230,129	..	..	..
5	10,600	..	..		..	..	..
..	22,956	375	..		..	..	..
6	52,456	62	..		..	..	..
10	36,921	263	120		1	1	..
..
80	40,616	604	3,548		..	..	..
20	33,059	814	2,236		..	..	..
..	11,750	..	..		..	..	..
..	726	..	..		..	..	..
..	3,395	..	..	3,230,129	..	..	..
..	3,348	..	..		..	..	..
..	3,692	130	..		..	..	..
10	41,884	..	..		..	..	..
1,342	97,092	90	..		..	..	..
25,436	1,000,855	16,297	5,967	3,230,129	4,371	37,823	6,930

Area, Yield
and Gross
Value of
Crops, Season
1949-50.

The following table shows the area under, the yield from, and the gross value of each of the principal crops in Victoria for the season 1949-50 :—

VICTORIA—AREA, YIELD, AND GROSS VALUE OF CROPS,
1949-50.

Crop.	Area.	Yield.	Gross Value.(a)
	Acres.		£
Wheat	2,828,273	57,433,835 bushels	33,708,712(b)
Oats	483,190	8,718,307 bushels	2,739,002
Barley—			
Malting (2 row)	211,852	4,406,009 bushels	2,317,120
Other (6 row)	24,271	470,171 bushels	209,376
Maize	5,136	194,121 bushels	123,467
Rye	16,690	127,506 bushels	70,128
Hay—			
Wheaten	39,117	60,378 tons	395,994
Oaten	272,100	412,509 tons	2,735,386
Lucerne, &c.	47,830	87,652 tons	684,078
Meadow	247,478	440,316 tons	2,892,982
Straw		30,000 tons	186,300
Grass and Clover Seed	12,028	16,297 cwt.	148,394
Canary Seed	185	920 cwt.	2,380
Peas for grain	16,790	273,483 bushels	263,972
Green Fodder	44,928		151,609
Potatoes	50,651	167,881 tons	3,259,460
Onions	4,093	25,436 tons	558,886
Other Vegetables	35,361	215,474 tons	4,503,623
Turnips, Beet, &c., for fodder	1,634	10,239 tons	122,868
Mangolds and Pumpkins for Stock	248	1,697 tons	13,576
Tobacco	919	5,967 cwt.	163,939
Hops	278	3,764 cwt.	88,268
Broom Millet	94	545 cwt. fibre	2,498
Chicory	385	388 cwt. seed	273
Flax	5,261	581 tons	47,933
Linseed	8,148	6,925 tons of straw	70,612
		57,972 bushels	124,785
Orchards—			
Productive	56,467		4,306,833
Unproductive	14,579		..
Grapes—			
Table	1,586	3,690 tons	129,150
Wine	6,682	14,568 tons	179,615
Drying	34,284	Wine made 3,230,129 gallons 186,823 tons producing— 37,823 tons of sultanas 4,371 tons of raisins 6,930 tons of currants	3,257,882 460,021 565,410
Vines, unproductive	2,834		..
Other Crops	6,830		495,715
Total Crops	4,480,202		64,980,247

(a) The gross value is based on the wholesale price realized in the principal markets. The places where primary products are absorbed locally or where they become raw materials for a secondary industry are presumed to be the principal markets.

(b) Includes Flour Tax payments.

THE GRAIN ELEVATOR SYSTEM FOR THE BULK HANDLING OF WHEAT IN VICTORIA.

The *Grain Elevator Act* 1934 provided for the handling of grain in bulk, for wheat within defined areas to be delivered to elevators, and for the constitution of the Grain Elevators Board. It also empowered the Board to borrow money to the extent that the money owing at any one time shall not exceed £2,000,000 (increased to £2,500,000 by legislation passed in 1940).

Except for the Williamstown Terminal, the construction of elevators has been completed. The scheme comprises 138 country elevators, with a total storage capacity of 14,951,000 bushels, serving terminals at Geelong and Williamstown. These terminals, which have storage capacities of 4,050,000 bushels and 2,600,000 bushels respectively, are designed to receive wheat from railway trucks at the rate of 20,000 bushels per hour and to load into ships at 64,000 bushels per hour.

In addition to the elevators within the scheme nine mill silos were leased by the Board as from 1942-43 and these provided a further storage capacity of 1,688,000 bushels. The total country storage capacity was therefore increased to 16,639,000 bushels.

The Geelong section, which embraces the western portion of the State bounded on the east by the Melbourne-Mildura railway line, came into operation at the beginning of the 1939-40 season.

Receipts for the seasons 1949-50 and 1950-51 amounted to 45,914,191 and 40,591,000 bushels respectively.

Wheat growing in counties. The principal wheat-growing areas are in the Wimmera, Mallee, and Northern districts. In the season 1950-51 these districts were responsible for 96 per cent. of the total wheat production of the State. Although other districts provided only small proportions of the total area, they are not to be regarded as unsuitable for wheat growing, as their average yield per acre is usually greater than in the areas mentioned. The yield in 1950-51 was 51,235,929 bushels, or an average yield per acre of 18·73 bushels in comparison with an average of 20·31 bushels in 1949-50 and an average of 16·38 bushels in 1948-49. The area sown and the production of wheat for grain in different counties for each of the three seasons, 1949-51, are shown in the following table:—

VICTORIA—WHEAT AREAS AND YIELDS IN COUNTIES FOR THE THREE SEASONS, 1949-1951.

Districts and Counties.	Year ended March.								
	Area.			Produce.			Average per Acre.		
	1949.	1950.	1951.	1949.	1950.	1951.	1949.	1950.	1951.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bus.	Bus.	Bus.
Central—									
Bourke ..	8,684	7,382	5,986	183,589	156,321	92,226	21·14	21·18	15·41
Grant ..	19,779	16,845	12,623	400,781	366,380	214,919	20·26	21·75	17·02
Mornington ..	31	1	..	720	18	..	23·23	18·00	..
Evelyn ..	58	..	3	927	..	59	15·98	..	19·66
Total ..	28,552	24,228	18,612	586,017	522,719	307,204	20·52	21·57	16·50
North-Central—									
Anglesey ..	722	486	324	18,781	9,362	3,994	26·01	19·26	12·33
Dalhousie ..	1,162	924	554	23,192	17,003	5,357	19·96	18·40	9·67
Talbot ..	23,036	18,685	17,310	493,665	466,306	283,156	21·43	24·96	16·36
Total ..	24,920	20,095	18,188	535,638	492,671	292,507	21·49	24·52	16·08
Western—									
Grenville ..	9,418	8,639	7,841	198,351	153,966	150,503	21·06	17·82	19·19
Polwarth ..	46	34	104	1,028	444	888	22·35	13·06	8·54
Heytesbury ..	..	227	61	..	2,090	997	..	9·21	16·34
Hampden ..	9,120	8,080	8,472	185,513	182,112	158,498	20·34	22·54	18·70
Ripon ..	32,201	28,483	29,338	768,758	724,975	582,537	23·87	25·45	19·86
Villiers ..	421	559	455	6,804	13,753	10,617	16·16	24·60	23·33
Normanby ..	660	415	176	12,814	8,042	2,938	19·42	19·38	16·69
Dundas ..	1,309	1,146	1,015	18,921	17,598	13,045	14·45	15·36	12·85
Follett ..	131	13	195	1,991	157	1,670	15·20	12·08	8·56
Total ..	53,306	47,596	47,657	1,194,180	1,103,137	921,693	22·40	23·18	19·34
Wimmera—									
Lowan ..	204,160	195,872	184,715	4,819,038	5,006,749	3,846,558	23·60	25·56	20·82
Borong ..	560,405	550,584	540,126	14,493,601	14,286,237	12,228,842	25·86	25·95	22·64
Kara Kara ..	181,654	169,311	160,444	3,865,910	4,192,630	3,571,831	21·28	24·76	22·26
Total ..	946,219	915,767	885,285	23,178,549	23,485,616	19,647,231	24·50	25·65	22·20
Mallee—									
Milliewa ..	73,933	54,349	43,342	439,101	443,245	367,095	5·94	8·16	8·47
Weeah ..	154,941	136,261	143,296	1,835,215	1,857,681	1,849,556	11·84	13·63	12·31
Karkaroc ..	671,012	639,206	659,803	6,927,512	9,960,017	10,298,193	10·32	15·58	15·61
Tatchera ..	402,518	405,974	386,720	3,371,226	7,606,483	7,454,854	8·38	18·74	19·26
Total ..	1,302,404	1,235,790	1,233,161	12,573,054	19,867,426	19,969,698	9·65	16·08	16·19

VICTORIA—WHEAT AREAS AND YIELDS IN COUNTIES FOR THE THREE SEASONS, 1949-1951—*continued.*

Districts and Counties.	Year ended March.								
	Area.			Produce.			Average per Acre.		
	1949.	1950.	1951.	1949.	1950.	1951.	1949.	1950.	1951.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bus.	Bus.	Bus.
Northern—									
Gunbower ..	19,378	17,709	14,588	182,041	377,479	275,733	9.39	21.32	18.90
Gladstone ..	137,596	122,318	110,308	2,208,575	2,642,467	2,127,894	16.05	21.60	19.28
Bendigo ..	115,015	98,058	89,130	1,755,515	1,907,819	1,585,404	15.26	19.46	17.79
Rodney ..	62,632	47,303	46,695	1,199,660	1,060,355	920,049	19.15	22.42	19.70
Moira ..	260,493	253,996	229,023	4,702,378	5,109,329	4,411,011	18.05	20.12	19.26
Total ..	595,114	539,384	489,744	10,048,169	11,097,448	9,320,091	16.88	20.57	19.03
North-Eastern—									
Delatite ..	5,550	5,788	4,197	149,416	76,717	70,340	26.92	13.25	16.76
Bogong ..	35,979	36,066	36,208	707,764	714,563	659,909	19.67	19.81	18.22
Benambra ..	184	202	138	3,836	2,630	1,900	20.85	13.02	13.77
Wonnangatta ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	41,713	42,056	40,543	861,016	793,910	732,149	20.64	18.88	18.06
Gippsland—									
Croajingolong ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	F	3.00	27.13
Tambo ..	7	8	8	21	217	..	..	..	..
Dargo ..	33	46	34	991	405	431	30.03	8.80	12.63
Tanjil ..	3,315	3,263	2,229	84,621	69,901	44,763	25.53	21.42	20.08
Buin Buin ..	122	40	12	1,304	384	162	10.69	9.60	13.50
Total ..	3,477	3,357	2,283	86,937	70,907	45,356	25.00	21.12	19.86
Total (State)	2,995,705	2,828,273	2,735,473	49,063,560	57,433,835	51,235,929	16.38	20.31	18.73

NOTE—The letter "F" signifies that crop was a failure.

The production of wheat in the other Australian States in 1949-50 was as follows:—New South Wales, 81,939,000 bushels; South Australia, 28,351,860 bushels; Western Australia, 38,500,000 bushels; Queensland, 11,778,000 bushels; and Tasmania, 127,294 bushels. The total production for the Commonwealth was 218,221,630 bushels.

In the following table the average yield per acre in each of the main wheat growing counties for the seasons 1939-40 to 1950-51 is shown in conjunction with the approximate mean rainfall recorded each month. The rainfall during the growing season is shown separately to indicate its effect on wheat production. While the table is useful as a general reference in respect of the relationship of wheat yields to rainfall, it should be remembered that temperatures, winds, and other factors such as the extent to which fallowing, rotational cropping, and fertilizing are practised have also considerable effect on average yields, as do also the varieties of wheat used.

Monthly
Rainfall and
Average Yields
of Wheat 1939-
40 to 1950-51.

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County and Year.	Approximate Mean Rainfall each Month.											Total for Year.	Total Wheat-growing Period.	Average Wheat Yield per Acre.	
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April.	May.	Wheat-growing Months.									
						June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.				
	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Bushels.
Lowan—															
1939 ..	161	123	28	187	201	194	122	389	126	115	253	50	1,949	1,190	20.05
1940 ..	85	16	30	257	115	67	200	82	92	72	177	109	1,302	690	14.01
1941 ..	436	29	223	171	56	174	317	117	313	146	77	41	2,100	1,144	21.13
1942 ..	87	88	38	117	385	306	266	335	282	242	184	59	2,389	1,615	23.76
1943 ..	57	123	18	163	85	206	227	242	256	109	95	52	1,633	1,135	22.60
1944 ..	39	62	26	161	213	45	122	19	66	189	77	139	1,158	518	4.88
1945 ..	74	224	18	11	148	180	124	307	134	199	155	104	1,678	1,099	11.80
1946 ..	293	447	359	57	123	221	421	174	120	90	76	190	2,571	1,102	24.63
1947 ..	28	149	317	17	82	272	408	232	212	304	200	317	2,638	1,628	17.24
1948 ..	17	65	22	425	165	226	151	173	141	368	181	199	2,134	1,240	23.60
1949 ..	74	311	33	14	202	74	138	75	139	314	258	17	1,649	998	25.56
1950 ..	13	175	261	96	329	90	120	165	227	114	81	65	1,736	797	20.82
Borung—															
1939 ..	97	208	12	261	267	172	120	308	95	76	273	25	1,914	1,044	18.01
1940 ..	69	9	15	236	70	38	147	50	88	48	145	97	1,012	516	6.35
1941 ..	343	28	180	126	44	218	259	103	322	165	133	45	1,966	1,200	23.46
1942 ..	93	55	44	142	356	262	179	360	222	237	198	51	2,199	1,458	28.26
1943 ..	68	90	16	119	78	150	178	200	184	102	42	38	1,265	856	15.65
1944 ..	53	61	22	143	178	27	142	7	52	142	69	156	1,052	439	1.69
1945 ..	67	227	18	10	87	251	161	268	93	125	134	49	1,490	1,032	10.27
1946 ..	291	359	273	70	134	200	296	139	102	77	81	111	2,133	895	20.09
1947 ..	19	112	300	90	47	215	288	168	169	311	181	228	2,128	1,332	19.38
1948 ..	15	40	10	265	157	233	150	88	127	401	116	189	1,791	1,115	25.86
1949 ..	31	310	67	11	170	65	181	60	160	336	192	21	1,604	994	25.95
1950 ..	6	321	279	146	331	66	156	153	224	148	113	70	2,013	860	22.64
Kara Kara—															
1939 ..	93	293	32	518	279	191	118	323	107	88	280	25	2,347	1,107	22.91
1940 ..	83	12	16	197	42	49	157	43	135	47	81	84	946	512	2.73
1941 ..	306	34	167	90	33	189	265	155	326	192	176	49	1,982	1,303	24.13
1942 ..	100	50	77	99	373	260	188	371	214	240	181	44	2,197	1,454	24.18
1943 ..	79	96	14	104	81	146	203	193	187	84	52	31	1,270	865	12.87
1944 ..	37	37	52	165	178	26	162	10	63	131	57	135	1,053	449	0.86
1945 ..	49	107	13	8	85	318	182	254	95	133	135	33	1,412	1,117	10.84
1946 ..	330	340	256	87	129	185	261	138	91	110	93	141	2,161	878	19.49
1947 ..	11	118	317	93	48	234	298	176	157	378	169	228	2,227	1,412	18.39
1948 ..	40	64	9	195	148	203	158	94	118	358	103	97	1,587	1,034	21.28
1949 ..	28	316	146	11	159	77	201	58	146	337	258	22	1,759	1,077	24.76
1950 ..	5	340	319	149	323	72	200	192	291	189	135	77	2,292	1,079	22.26

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SEASONS 1939-40 TO 1950-51—*continued.*

County and Year.	Approximate Mean Rainfall each Month.												Total for Year.	Total Wheat-growing Period.	Average Wheat Yield per Acre.
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April.	Wheat-growing Months.						Nov.	Dec.			
	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Bushels.
Millewa—															
1939 ..	6	367	37	34	126	118	69	154	67	87	259	1	1,325	621	9.20
1940 ..	34	7	4	131	22	10	64	34	89	22	54	34	505	241	0.42
1941 ..	284	9	49	10	18	154	140	101	90	157	92	35	1,139	660	9.28
1942 ..	19	43	9	121	174	178	112	179	36	211	45	29	1,156	890	11.16
1943 ..	7	36	3	38	23	33	43	93	81	52	59	66	534	325	0.01
1944 ..	35	15	5	18	98	16	58	14	13	65	74	74	485	264	0.04
1945 ..	4	12	4	1	56	176	82	89	39	142	65	69	739	584	3.97
1946 ..	125	218	88	48	80	131	153	40	22	38	187	91	1,221	464	3.45
1947 ..	13	211	250	30	2	107	123	92	106	153	84	135	1,306	583	3.15
1948 ..	9	2	1	143	60	140	69	76	23	186	62	80	851	554	5.94
1949 ..	34	103	57	10	262	27	69	20	136	181	47	12	958	695	8.16
1950 ..	..	434	369	15	113	31	88	72	70	123	109	48	1,472	497	8.47
Weeah—															
1939 ..	32	214	6	103	119	131	77	187	36	27	221	5	1,158	577	7.71
1940 ..	45	17	12	246	35	13	84	40	118	25	62	72	769	315	5.31
1941 ..	275	12	100	51	23	225	171	64	198	194	82	32	1,427	875	13.80
1942 ..	66	32	13	103	186	187	158	220	123	129	139	33	1,389	1,003	13.96
1943 ..	41	70	8	85	35	101	83	132	107	151	82	62	957	609	7.84
1944 ..	35	15	22	57	143	8	92	7	35	79	71	101	665	364	2.53
1945 ..	10	64	6	5	77	198	88	126	77	135	90	86	962	701	6.10
1946 ..	147	306	154	36	77	127	140	105	51	45	105	70	1,363	545	10.36
1947 ..	3	180	196	38	35	103	181	139	135	183	132	179	1,504	776	8.68
1948 ..	4	29	5	195	106	159	104	68	47	313	131	144	1,305	797	11.84
1949 ..	20	112	28	3	163	29	88	30	167	262	87	12	1,001	739	13.63
1950 ..	1	382	304	51	249	60	77	86	168	101	109	57	1,645	741	12.31
Karkaroc—															
1939 ..	24	375	34	135	169	149	85	173	59	45	234	2	1,484	680	12.93
1940 ..	48	15	8	151	26	11	67	34	153	16	74	55	658	307	2.73
1941 ..	259	15	73	23	21	139	159	64	163	162	117	39	1,214	708	12.90
1942 ..	40	37	20	110	216	199	140	224	75	165	130	26	1,382	1,019	15.42
1943 ..	34	42	5	61	38	88	88	133	99	94	56	35	773	540	7.13
1944 ..	22	15	8	95	121	7	74	7	29	73	71	88	610	311	1.14
1945 ..	20	51	6	4	55	239	85	136	42	148	74	54	914	705	5.69
1946 ..	213	275	101	29	134	133	131	92	33	44	115	68	1,368	567	9.18
1947 ..	6	176	221	55	24	117	168	108	98	195	159	145	1,472	710	10.51
1948 ..	6	21	2	133	96	155	67	38	42	285	94	91	1,030	683	10.32
1949 ..	27	181	89	10	251	27	113	30	121	246	90	12	1,197	788	15.53
1950 ..	1	373	341	33	195	55	106	82	120	139	123	62	1,630	697	15.61

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County and Year.	Approximate Mean Rainfall each Month.												Total for Year.	Total Wheat-growing Period.	Average Wheat Yield per Acre.
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April.	Wheat-growing Months.						Nov.	Dec.			
					May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.					
Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Bushels.
Tatchera—															
1939 ..	19	394	34	165	247	154	99	178	87	54	220	4	1,655	819	17.03
1940 ..	48	15	11	130	15	22	84	40	187	9	62	28	651	357	1.61
1941 ..	211	19	69	13	27	77	175	62	168	137	120	32	1,110	646	8.42
1942 ..	41	89	48	93	219	213	119	230	59	134	142	32	1,419	974	15.19
1943 ..	15	36	4	63	27	90	88	121	93	107	43	28	715	526	4.42
1944 ..	20	36	11	117	119	10	70	5	26	75	68	106	636	305	0.14
1945 ..	17	28	13		54	276	95	162	39	219	112	44	1,059	845	6.44
1946 ..	271	313	99	28	132	145	124	105	27	50	120	75	1,489	583	9.35
1947 ..	15	159	237	49	25	127	174	96	105	228	172	137	1,524	755	11.44
1948 ..	9	55	2	107	118	130	55	29	64	279	79	94	1,021	675	8.38
1949 ..	15	155	253	22	231	46	159	32	106	278	116	9	1,422	852	18.74
1950 ..	1	344	373	63	208	81	137	83	140	178	139	50	1,797	827	19.26
Gunbower—															
1939 ..	12	400	85	209	192	176	105	203	96	94	235	8	1,806	866	18.14
1940 ..	35	10	14	155	10	29	112	36	199	18	76	62	756	404	1.28
1941 ..	300	13	95	12	35	98	236	58	158	123	69	22	1,219	708	12.42
1942 ..	65	76	142	54	252	191	146	249	96	138	106	35	1,550	1,072	14.72
1943 ..	88	32	7	66	46	78	105	79	94	91	50	34	770	493	3.72
1944 ..	31	13	33	138	156	19	89	4	26	85	66	88	748	379	0.33
1945 ..	54	56	22	2	43	209	124	215	49	175	122	37	1,108	815	7.95
1946 ..	227	338	77	34	109	112	131	85	29	67	148	39	1,396	533	6.95
1947 ..	10	116	205	52	21	89	253	118	130	304	144	232	1,674	915	12.10
1948 ..	13	86	1	149	147	189	71	31	74	259	89	104	1,213	771	9.39
1949 ..	20	233	314	24	120	85	183	49	146	381	196	17	1,768	964	21.32
1950 ..	2	180	543	107	202	89	153	91	191	180	161	70	1,969	906	18.90
Gladstone—															
1939 ..	72	350	38	431	293	208	127	272	97	76	303	15	2,282	1,073	20.05
1940 ..	73	21	18	173	24	45	122	41	187	31	52	60	847	450	2.42
1941 ..	270	34	143	60	27	147	226	109	238	190	123	34	1,601	937	19.51
1942 ..	74	57	78	68	358	261	168	335	156	173	198	35	1,961	1,451	19.93
1943 ..	88	54	10	89	62	120	199	158	134	87	50	36	1,037	760	10.97
1944 ..	21	26	34	149	154	23	129	9	46	106	48	83	828	467	1.01
1945 ..	47	110	18	4	100	345	165	250	83	130	132	29	1,413	1,073	11.77
1946 ..	290	305	140	67	129	152	222	111	60	96	116	86	1,774	770	14.30
1947 ..	4	102	292	82	37	190	297	147	150	347	169	200	2,017	1,168	16.55
1948 ..	35	138	4	135	160	194	118	65	90	342	113	130	1,524	969	16.05
1949 ..	20	304	276	9	151	60	165	46	136	349	289	22	1,827	907	21.00
1950 ..	6	372	406	141	297	68	214	176	246	206	140	76	2,348	1,207	19.28

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County and Year.	Approximate Mean Rainfall each Month.												Total for Year.	Total Wheat-growing Period.	Average Wheat Yield per Acre.
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April.	Wheat-growing Months.						Nov.	Dec.			
					May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.					
	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Bushels.
Bendigo—															
1939 ..	55	400	109	412	221	231	104	261	93	106	244	17	2,253	1,016	18.46
1940 ..	49	24	27	186	24	51	145	38	196	26	50	56	872	480	3.92
1941 ..	245	31	157	41	23	121	208	59	211	153	120	28	1,397	775	16.63
1942 ..	82	130	133	70	352	242	152	293	116	232	155	25	1,982	1,387	18.32
1943 ..	150	41	5	76	55	96	167	101	130	119	57	38	1,035	668	9.39
1944 ..	30	23	29	155	177	15	107	10	31	94	45	78	794	434	1.31
1945 ..	63	81	19	2	71	267	161	266	66	151	101	32	1,280	982	12.07
1946 ..	197	294	102	76	114	113	199	88	34	99	131	85	1,532	647	12.20
1947 ..	5	91	225	53	29	126	263	130	157	331	118	234	1,762	1,036	16.31
1948 ..	20	209	1	172	174	221	119	40	81	250	97	125	1,509	885	15.26
1949 ..	21	361	333	14	100	54	180	49	153	438	387	25	2,115	974	19.46
1950 ..	7	298	517	194	220	76	192	124	264	194	180	88	2,354	1,070	17.79
Rodney—															
1939 ..	45	481	212	621	200	311	139	388	132	153	236	25	2,943	1,323	17.30
1940 ..	24	16	48	191	47	50	167	55	204	32	52	89	975	555	4.69
1941 ..	516	28	234	28	85	113	226	73	169	159	114	47	1,792	825	20.19
1942 ..	87	260	166	70	371	213	180	293	120	208	117	55	2,140	1,385	17.99
1943 ..	168	34	4	100	73	127	169	136	164	116	64	24	1,179	785	13.58
1944 ..	13	28	47	165	231	42	126	2	35	114	63	82	948	550	1.80
1945 ..	146	52	12	4	66	244	173	322	85	217	141	34	1,496	1,107	14.40
1946 ..	264	372	121	89	94	139	222	114	33	121	188	71	1,828	723	16.32
1947 ..	14	98	225	72	44	132	303	171	208	357	120	339	2,083	1,215	17.71
1948 ..	25	252	..	218	180	279	147	54	114	234	126	145	1,774	1,008	19.15
1949 ..	29	282	354	29	108	79	239	64	177	550	479	36	2,426	1,217	22.42
1950 ..	6	208	831	199	194	70	170	119	218	190	116	106	2,427	961	19.70
Moir—															
1939 ..	22	548	297	676	120	401	165	459	150	271	221	20	3,350	1,566	12.94
1940 ..	24	5	19	260	65	55	159	64	224	35	74	127	1,111	602	8.99
1941 ..	539	46	432	18	81	155	243	76	156	150	99	56	2,051	861	23.07
1942 ..	108	176	143	82	355	236	143	255	102	177	237	69	2,083	1,268	18.76
1943 ..	140	32	12	129	72	114	153	154	168	126	58	12	1,170	787	12.72
1944 ..	5	16	52	163	270	51	129	2	36	100	86	148	1,058	588	2.22
1945 ..	222	31	4	17	55	264	164	298	92	252	180	34	1,613	1,125	15.97
1946 ..	216	442	137	91	98	150	267	133	33	113	236	60	1,976	794	14.88
1947 ..	20	117	263	52	48	155	342	185	185	234	122	348	2,121	1,199	18.39
1948 ..	18	198	1	173	213	253	106	66	129	243	208	223	1,831	1,010	18.05
1949 ..	51	175	326	43	171	120	163	52	173	484	352	23	2,133	1,163	20.12
1950 ..	6	294	691	160	176	92	166	91	188	237	145	80	2,326	950	19.26

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The following statement shows the areas under the principal varieties of wheat, including wheat for hay, for the seasons 1948-49, 1949-50, and 1950-51. Varieties are tabulated in order of popularity for the last-mentioned season. The percentages shown indicate the fluctuation which has taken place amongst the popular varieties.

Over 100 varieties of wheat were sown. The number which was tried in the Mallee greatly exceeded that experimented with in any other district. A more extended list showing the area and percentage of each variety, and the ten principal varieties grown in the wheat-growing districts, may be obtained on application to the Government Statist :—

VICTORIA—VARIETIES OF WHEAT SOWN IN EACH OF THE SEASONS, 1948-49, 1949-50, AND 1950-51.

Variety (in order of Popularity, Season 1950-51).	1948-49.		1949-50.		1950-51.	
	Area Sown.	Percentage of Total Area Sown.	Area Sown.	Percentage of Total Area Sown.	Area Sown.	Percentage of Total Area Sown.
	Acres.		Acres.		Acres.	
Quadrat	1,431,634	47·20	1,286,262	44·86	1,060,354	38·27
Insignia	357,001	11·77	601,093	20·96	623,492	22·50
Pinnacle	146,180	4·82	229,952	8·02	416,657	15·04
Bencubbin	220,498	7·27	191,484	6·68	195,485	7·06
Magnet	219,284	7·23	165,945	5·79	171,990	6·21
Pindar	171,963	5·67	85,681	2·99	56,122	2·03
Diadem	40,314	1·33	68,695	2·40	55,373	2·00
Baldmin	36,371	1·20	36,534	1·27	42,956	1·55
Ghurka	215,341	7·10	83,761	2·92	42,232	1·52
Gabo	3,640	0·12	15,175	0·53	18,691	0·68
Ranee	74,592	2·46	31,907	1·11	16,589	0·60
Regalia	53,054	1·75	22,968	0·80	11,520	0·42
Koorda	80	·	757	0·03	6,746	0·24
Glucub	7,887	0·26	5,393	0·19	6,417	0·23
Bungulla	623	0·02	2,085	0·07	6,202	0·22
Rajah	11,527	0·38	6,491	0·23	5,154	0·19
Bobin	10,617	0·35	5,151	0·18	4,189	0·15
Sepoy	5,157	0·17	3,578	0·12	3,122	0·11
Dundee	8,494	0·28	5,470	0·19	2,520	0·09
Turvey	2,427	0·08	2,933	0·10	2,416	0·09
Free Gallipoli	2,123	0·07	1,963	0·07	1,777	0·06
Blue Stem	15	·	1,405	0·05	1,168	0·04
Celebration	·	·	·	·	1,004	0·04
Mac's White	3,337	0·11	2,290	0·08	996	0·04
Kendee	·	·	·	·	823	0·03
Charter	·	·	·	·	752	0·03
Nabawa	1,517	0·05	1,385	0·05	652	0·02
Warigo	188	0·01	606	0·02	649	0·02
Gnyas	781	0·02	877	0·03	643	0·02
Scimitar	·	·	·	·	536	0·02
All Other Varieties	8,750	0·28	7,459	0·26	13,322	0·48
Total	3,033,395	100·00	2,867,300	100·00	2,770,549	100·00

It will be noted from the foregoing statement that changes have occurred in the leading varieties during the seasons shown. Free Gallipoli became the leading variety in Victoria in 1929-30, and continued as such until the season 1934-35, when it was superseded by Ghurka. This variety continued as the most popular until it was displaced by Quadrats at the 1946 sowing. Quadrats increased in favour until in the season 1948-49, 47·20 per cent of wheat sown was of that variety. Due to the rapid headway made by the varieties Insignia and Pinnacle, which were only released from the Werrabee Research Station in 1946 and 1947, the percentage of area sown with Quadrats has commenced to decline and was 38·27 in the 1950-51 season.

Many changes have also taken place in the leading varieties of wheat in other Australian wheat-growing States during recent years. In New South Wales, Bencubbin and Gabo are now the leading varieties. In South Australia the area sown with Bencubbin was only ·66 per cent. of the total area sown in 1935-36, but the area now sown with this variety amounts to 18·35 per cent., of the total area sown. In Western Australia, Bungulla, Bencubbin, and Gluclub occupy 71 per cent. of the area. Nabawa, which was the leading variety with 47 per cent. of the area sown in 1929 has now declined to eleventh place with less than 1 per cent. of the area sown :—

PRINCIPAL VARIETIES OF WHEAT SOWN IN AUSTRALIAN STATES, 1949-50.

New South Wales.		Victoria.		South Australia.		Western Australia.	
Variety. (Season 1948-49).	Per- centage of Total Area.	Variety.	Per- centage of Total Area.	Variety.	Per- centage of Total Area.	Variety.	Per- centage of Total Area.
Bencubbin ..	34·79	Quadrat ..	44·86	Bencubbin ..	18·35	Bungulla ..	28·37
Gabo ..	13·00	Insignia ..	20·96	Warigo ..	12·73	Bencubbin ..	27·86
Ford ..	7·12	Pinnacle ..	8·02	Waratah ..	6·10	Gluclub ..	15·25
Charter ..	5·29	Bencubbin ..	6·68	Gabo ..	5·79	Kondut ..	5·95
Bordan ..	3·88	Magnet ..	5·79	Reldep ..	5·71	Koorda ..	3·31
Yalta ..	3·86	Pindar ..	2·99	Quadrat ..	5·15	Ranee ..	3·14
Quadrat ..	2·72	Ghurka ..	2·92	Gluyas ..	4·33	Eureka ..	2·19
All others ..	29·34	All others ..	7·78	All others ..	41·84	All others ..	13·93
Total ..	100·00		100·00		100·00		100·00

For the season 1947-48, statistics showing the extent to which mixed farming was practised in conjunction with wheat growing were compiled in respect of each State in the Commonwealth. The tabulations were prepared by the Commonwealth Statistician from data prepared by each State.

An analysis of the tables for the State of Victoria for that season discloses that wheat for grain was grown on 13,836 holdings, and the area sown with wheat for grain 3,227,162 acres. On 10,526 holdings, or 76·1 per cent. of the total growing wheat for grain, there were 6,114,977 sheep, or 34·1 per cent. of the State's total of 17,931,173 sheep at 31st March, 1948.

On 10,827 of the holdings growing wheat for grain, or 78·3 per cent. of the total, there were 126,078 dairy cattle at 31st March, 1948. Pigs numbering 42,801 were held on 3,198 holdings which also grew wheat for grain.

The following table shows the total area of holdings growing wheat for grain with particulars of wheat growing, sheep, dairy cattle, and pigs thereon :—

**VICTORIA—HOLDINGS GROWING WHEAT FOR GRAIN
TOGETHER WITH SHEEP, DAIRY CATTLE, AND PIGS
THEREON, SEASON 1947-48.**

Area under Wheat for Grain.	Holdings Growing Wheat.		Sheep.		Dairy Cattle.		Pigs.	
	Number.	Total Area under Wheat.	Hold- ings With.	Total.	Hold- ings With.	Total.	Hold- ings With.	Total.
Acres.		Acres.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1- 19	1,133	11,250	767	472,472	1,043	25,620	402	7,109
20- 49	1,295	41,216	966	624,595	1,080	20,547	334	6,187
50- 99	1,750	124,510	1,332	844,231	1,340	18,920	357	6,563
100- 199	3,164	448,128	2,372	1,328,432	2,322	23,459	662	9,084
200- 299	2,314	544,665	1,726	889,242	1,756	14,554	518	5,217
300- 399	1,646	540,386	1,269	621,127	1,238	9,235	366	3,489
400- 499	994	422,612	794	456,467	781	5,074	214	1,624
500- 599	523	276,117	432	252,356	426	2,810	102	813
600- 699	403	251,335	328	178,485	317	2,208	80	1,057
700- 799	216	157,119	185	126,805	182	1,279	53	437
800- 899	150	123,955	133	101,122	131	903	46	498
900- 999	92	85,725	79	67,224	76	465	27	331
1,000-1,999	149	184,429	136	142,637	128	924	36	355
2,000 and over ..	7	15,715	7	9,782	7	80	1	37
Total ..	13,836	3,227,162	10,526	6,114,977	10,827	126,078	3,198	42,801

Seed and
Fertilizers
used on
Wheat Areas
(grain and
hay),
1949-50.

The total seed wheat used for grain and hay areas amounted to 3,026,937 bushels, and estimated total fertilizers to 97,608 tons. The average rate of sowing in the principal wheat-growing countries ranged from 40 lb. of seed per acre in the County of Millewa to 88 lb. in Ripon.

SEED AND FERTILIZERS USED ON WHEAT AREAS SEASON 1949-50.

(GRAIN AND HAY.)

District.	Area Sown.	Seed Used.		Fertilizers Used. (Estimated).
		Per Acre.	Total.	
	Acres.	lb.	Bushels.	Tons.
Central	29,570	88	43,369	1,489
North-Central	22,959	80	30,612	1,052
Western	51,055	85	73,995	3,013
Wimmera	930,711	70	1,085,830	34,769
Mallee	1,238,237	54	1,114,413	33,786
Northern	547,521	68	620,524	21,370
North-Eastern	43,334	73	52,723	1,949
Gippsland	4,003	82	5,471	180
Total State ..	2,867,390	63	3,026,937	97,608

Fallow. The large area of land fallowed for the next season's cropping operations is a feature of the three wheat-growing districts. Of the 2,429,888 acres in fallow during the season 1949-50, 1,025,810 were in the Mallee, 845,795 in the Wimmera, and 398,714 in the Northern districts. The total area of fallow in these three districts—2,270,319 acres—represented 93 per cent. of the land fallowed in the State.

The following table shows the acreage in fallow in various years, together with the area sown to wheat in each succeeding season :—

VICTORIA—LAND IN FALLOW AND WHEAT SOWN.

Season.			Land in Fallow.	Season.			Area Sown to Wheat.
			Acres.				Acres.
1901-02	..	..	681,778	1902-03	..	..	2,155,928
1911-12	..	..	1,469,608	1912-13	..	..	2,471,586
1921-22	..	..	2,052,964	1922-23	..	..	2,857,533
1931-32	..	..	2,145,819	1932-33	..	..	3,320,504
1937-38	..	..	2,604,556	1938-39	..	..	3,007,201
1938-39	..	..	2,543,225	1939-40	..	..	2,923,027
1939-40	..	..	2,377,405	1940-41	..	..	2,769,580
1940-41	..	..	1,887,418	1941-42	..	..	2,889,853
1941-42	..	..	2,101,360	1942-43	..	..	2,212,915
1942-43	..	..	1,660,171	1943-44	..	..	1,864,895
1943-44	..	..	1,719,363	1944-45	..	..	2,246,217
1944-45	..	..	1,694,097	1945-46	..	..	3,365,558
1945-46	..	..	2,394,032	1946-47	..	..	3,566,489
1946-47	..	..	2,460,350	1947-48	..	..	3,279,182
1947-48	..	..	2,527,306	1948-49	..	..	3,033,395
1948-49	..	..	2,343,685	1949-50	..	..	2,867,390
1949-50	..	..	2,429,888	1950-51	..	..	2,770,549

The weight of an imperial bushel of wheat is 60 lb., but the actual weight of a bushel of Victorian wheat of fair average quality standard is determined annually by the Chamber of Commerce.

**Wheat
standard.**

The following table shows the standard determined in Victoria for each of the ten seasons, 1941-42 to 1950-51 :—

Season.			Weight of Bushel of Wheat, f.a.q.	Season.			Weight of Bushel of Wheat, f.a.q.
			lb.				lb.
1941-42	..	..	63 $\frac{3}{4}$	1946-47	..	..	63 $\frac{1}{2}$
1942-43	..	..	64 $\frac{1}{4}$	1947-48	..	..	60 $\frac{1}{2}$
1943-44	..	..	65	1948-49	..	..	63
1944-45	..	..	63 $\frac{1}{2}$	1949-50	..	..	64
1945-46	..	..	62 $\frac{1}{2}$	1950-51	..	..	62 $\frac{1}{2}$

**Farmers
Growing
Wheat for
Grain.**

The following statement shows the number of farmers engaged in the growing of wheat for grain :—

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF HOLDINGS WITH TWENTY OR MORE ACRES OF WHEAT FOR GRAIN, SEASONS 1944-45 TO 1949-50.

1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49.	1949-50.
10,433	11,813	13,155	12,703	12,105	11,491

Oats.

Oats may be cut for hay, stripped for grain or fed off to stock. The proportion of the oat crop used for each of the above purposes varies according to seasonal conditions. Oats as hay or grain form a very suitable fodder reserve on Mallee farms. For many years past, increasing areas of oats have been sown with the object of providing feed for sheep during the winter and early spring months. Some varieties of oats show high powers of recovery, particularly for a grain yield, after such grazing. More than 40 varieties are generally sown, but Algerian, with 54 per cent., Orient, with 14 per cent., and Algeribee, with 13 per cent. of the area predominate. The area harvested (season 1949-50) for hay was 272,100 acres, and for grain 483,190 acres, which produced 412,509 tons of hay, and 8,718,307 bushels of grain respectively. The area of oats sown for grazing purposes amounted to 130,940 acres. The figures for the 1950-51 season were :—hay, 218,889 acres (326,523 tons), grain, 527,217 acres (9,034,005 bushels), and for grazing, 141,222 acres.

Particulars of areas harvested and production of the several kinds of hay appear in the following table:—

VICTORIA—HAY PRODUCTION, 1948-49 TO 1950-51.

Kind.			Area.	Production.	Average Yield.	
			Acres.	Tons.	Tons.	
Wheaten {	1948-49	37,690	51,994	1·38
			1949-50	39,117	60,378	1·54
			1950-51	35,076	54,626	1·56
Oaten {	1948-49	284,305	407,223	1·43
			1949-50	272,100	412,509	1·52
			1950-51	218,889	326,523	1·49
Lucerne {	1948-49	42,587	80,034	1·88
			1949-50	46,976	86,331	1·84
			1950-51	41,703	79,104	1·90
Barley, rye, &c. {	1948-49	989	1,269	1·28
			1949-50	854	1,321	1·55
			1950-51	907	1,255	1·38
Grasses and clovers {	1948-49	225,770	393,463	1·74
			1949-50	247,478	440,316	1·78
			1950-51	260,879	433,077	1·66
Totals {	1948-49	591,341	933,983	1·58
			1949-50	606,525	1,000,855	1·65
			1950-51	557,454	894,585	1·60

The quantities of hay (in districts) held on rural holdings on the 31st March, 1949, 1950, and 1951, are shown in the following table:—

STOCKS OF HAY HELD ON FARMS.

District.				At 31st March—		
				1949.	1950.	1951.
				Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Central .. ..	..	..	..	133,710	152,560	135,703
North-Central ..	..	..	..	61,499	68,095	57,845
Western .. ..	..	..	..	208,312	213,185	188,875
Wimmera .. ..	..	..	..	128,342	111,280	114,041
Mallee .. ..	..	..	..	45,900	47,400	42,368
Northern .. ..	..	..	..	173,899	175,137	172,323
North-Eastern ..	..	..	..	93,717	103,926	102,910
Gippsland .. ..	..	..	..	123,863	143,164	126,472
State .. ..	..	..	..	969,242	1,014,747	940,537

Barley. The area under barley for grain in 1949-50 was 236,123 acres, of which 211,852 were under malting (2 row), and 24,271 under feed (6 row) barley. Although barley is grown generally throughout the State, 148,011 acres, or 68 per cent. of the total area for the season 1949-50, were sown in the counties of Grant, Lowan, Borung, Weeah, and Karkaroc. The figures in the subjoined table show the acreage, production, and yield per acre, for each of the five seasons 1946-47 to 1950-51 :—

VICTORIA—BARLEY PRODUCTION, 1946-47 TO 1950-51.

Year ended March—	Area under Crop.		Produce.		Average per Acre.		
	Malting (2 row).	Other (6 row).	Malting (2 row).	Other (6 row).	Malting (2 row).	Other (6 row).	Total.
	Acres.	Acres.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
1947 ..	124,079	13,943	2,106,595	215,317	16·98	15·44	16·82
1948 ..	149,567	14,622	3,253,774	322,997	21·75	22·09	21·78
1949 ..	175,532	20,247	3,174,535	373,156	18·09	18·43	18·12
1950 ..	211,852	24,271	4,406,009	470,171	20·80	19·37	20·65
1951 ..	196,253	20,843	4,080,473	429,606	20·79	20·61	20·77

Maize. Maize for grain is cultivated mainly in Gippsland, but one or two thousand acres are regularly grown in the Mornington and the North-Eastern districts. It is grown in Victoria both for grain and for green fodder. The areas for 1949-50 were 5,136 acres for grain, and 8,311 acres for green fodder. The area, production, and average yield for each of the six seasons, 1945-46 to 1950-51, are given in the following table :—

VICTORIA—MAIZE PRODUCTION, 1945-46 TO 1950-51.

Season.		For Green Fodder.	For Grain.		
			Area.	Production.	Yield per Acre.
		Acres.	Acres.	Bushels.	Bushels.
1945-46 ..	..	17,407	6,809	307,934	45·22
1946-47 ..	..	12,245	8,107	356,898	44·02
1947-48 ..	..	10,873	7,968	323,984	40·66
1948-49 ..	..	10,947	6,460	259,898	40·23
1949-50 ..	..	8,311	5,136	194,121	37·80
1950-51 ..	..	6,753	4,089	186,672	45·65

The annual average yield of the last five seasons was 41·6 bushels per acre, as compared with 45·0 in 1910-15, and 65·4 in 1900-05. The relatively light yield per acre for the latest five-year period was probably due to the cultivation of new areas, which are less fertile than the rich river flats upon which this cereal was grown exclusively in earlier periods.

Potatoes. Victoria is the chief potato-producing State in the Commonwealth. Of a total area of 134,007 acres planted in 1949-50 to potatoes, 50,651 acres were grown in this State.

The cultivation of potatoes in Victoria is confined mainly to the central highlands, the South-western district and the Gippsland district. These districts are favoured with good average rainfall varying from 30 to 50 inches per annum, which is fairly well distributed throughout the year.

The following table shows the area, yield, and value of potatoes for each of the five seasons, 1946-47 to 1950-51 :—

VICTORIA—POTATO PRODUCTION, 1946-47 TO 1950-51.

Season.			Area.	Production.*	Average Yield.	Gross Value.
			Acres.	Tons.	Tons.	£
1946-47	..	..	56,400	223,782	3·97	2,479,641
1947-48	..	..	59,400	184,882	3·11	2,251,590
1948-49	..	..	45,785	166,105	3·63	2,960,268
1949-50	..	..	50,651	167,881	3·31	3,259,460
1950-51	..	..	52,482	139,391	2·66	3,661,748

* Includes amounts held on farms for seed, stock feed, &c., as follow :—49,753 tons in 1946-47; 37,030 tons in 1947-48; 36,084 tons in 1948-49; 38,374 tons in 1949-50; and 27,102 tons in 1950-51.

Onions. Onions are grown in nearly every county south of the Dividing Range. The returns for the season 1949-50 show that in Bourke the yield was 3,619 tons from 511 acres; in Grant 4,192 tons from 960 acres; in Grenville 6,450 tons from 1,025 acres; in Polwarth 5,029 tons from 674 acres; in Villiers 2,862 tons from 394 acres; and in Buln Buln 1,342 tons from 207 acres. The following statement shows the area, yield, and value for each of the last five years :—

VICTORIA—ONION PRODUCTION, 1946-47 TO 1950-51.

Season—				Area.	Production.	Average Yield.	Gross Value.
				Acres.	Tons.	Tons.	£
1946-47	..	..	..	6,460	28,244	4·37	452,435
1947-48	..	..	..	6,722	61,540	9·15	904,887
1948-49	..	..	..	5,554	33,684	6·06	533,439
1949-50	..	..	..	4,093	25,436	6·21	558,886
1950-51	..	..	..	4,148	18,182	4·38	571,142

Wholesale prices of agricultural and pastoral products.

The prices which appear below are the average wholesale prices in Melbourne for the marketed produce of the seasons enumerated. Average monthly prices are shown on pages 129 and 130.

VICTORIA—AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICES REALIZED FOR AGRICULTURAL AND PASTORAL PRODUCE, 1941-42 TO 1950-51.

Average Prices Realized for Produce of Season—	Wheat.	Oats (Milling and Feed.)	Barley (Malting.)	Maize.	Potatoes.	Onions.	Wool.* (Clipped, and on Skins.)
	Per bushel.	Per bushel.	Per bushel.	Per bushel.	Per ton.	Per ton.	Per lb.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1941-42 ..	4 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ †	2 7	3 3 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 4	320 0	320 0	1 2·20
1942-43 ..	3 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ †	2 10	4 7 $\frac{3}{4}$	8 1	214 5	292 6	1 4·40
1943-44 ..	3 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ †	3 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 3	149 0	292 6	1 4·24
1944-45 ..	3 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ †	3 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 0	8 4	150 0	292 6	1 4·06
1945-46 ..	3 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ †	3 7	6 1	8 5	150 0	292 6	1 3·00
1946-47 ..	3 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ †	4 6 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 1	8 6	159 3	305 6	1 10·78
1947-48 ..	6 0†	4 3 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 6	192 6	329 0	3 1·51
1948-49 ..	6 8	4 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 0	9 7 $\frac{1}{2}$	415 7	239 0	3 9·57
1949-50 ..	6 8	6 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 3 $\frac{1}{2}$	11 5	448 9	437 6	5 0·97
1950-51 ..	7 10	9 0	7 8	21 6	555 8	680 0	12 2·02

* Victorian production only. † From June, 1942, to December, 1947, the price of wheat for flour for home consumption was 3s. 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. per bushel.

Vine

Production.

The production of dried vine-fruits for the season 1949-50 amounted to 49,124 tons, as compared with a production of 46,371 tons for the previous season. This far exceeds the requirements for home consumption. Overseas exports of Victorian produce of the season 1949-50 amounted to 29,673 tons.

Australian production of dried vine-fruits for the season 1949-50 amounted to approximately 68,000 tons, of which the Victorian portion represented over 72 per cent.

Particulars of vine production for the five seasons 1946-47 to 1950-51 are given in the following table:—

VICTORIA—VINE-FRUIT PRODUCTION, 1946-47 TO 1950-51.

Season.	Number of Growers.	Area.		Produce.				
		Bearing.	Not Bearing.	Grapes gathered.	Wine made.	Dried Fruits.		
						Raisins.		Currants.
						Lexias.	Sultanas.	
		Acres.	Acres.	Cwt.	Gallons.	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.
1946-47 ..	2,392	41,551	1,397	3,797,935	3,081,622	83,484	660,826	121,751
1947-48 ..	2,420	41,438	2,346	4,682,682	2,958,292	103,796	839,410	161,718
1948-49 ..	2,462	42,064	3,545	3,885,558	3,080,512	109,324	604,752	159,335
1949-50 ..	2,468	42,552	2,834	4,101,620	3,230,129	87,421	756,458	138,600
1950-51 ..	2,467	42,204	3,109	3,097,254	2,357,716	74,194	485,936	121,611

Of the total quantity of grapes gathered in 1949-50, it is estimated that 291,357 cwt. were used for making wine and spirits, 3,736,468 cwt. for raisins and currants, and 73,795 cwt. for table consumption.

Tobacco. The imposition of emergency tariff rates about 1931 greatly stimulated the growing of tobacco in Victoria and, as a result, the area planted increased in the 1932-33 season to 13,418 acres. Due, however, to economic circumstances and to disease in the crops, the acreage subsequently declined. The 1949-50 crop amounted to 5,967 cwt., which was obtained from 919 acres.

The following table furnishes details of the area, production, and average yield in each of the five seasons, 1946-47 to 1950-51 :—

VICTORIA—TOBACCO PRODUCTION, 1946-47 TO 1950-51.

Season—			Area.	Production.	Produce per Acre.	Gross Value.
			Acres.	Cwt. (dry).	Cwt. (dry).	£
1946-47	..	..	1,186	9,706	8·18	147,815
1947-48	..	..	958	1,162	1·21	18,379
1948-49	..	..	994	7,084	7·13	126,851
1949-50	..	..	919	5,967	6·49	163,939
1950-51	..	..	1,021	8,138	7·97	336,099

Flax. The production of flax is confined mainly to the Central, Western, and Gippsland Districts.

The following table shows the area, the quantity of straw delivered at mills, and the produce obtained therefrom for each of the seasons 1946-47 to 1950-51. Australian imports of certain flax products for each of the years ended 30th June, 1947 to 1951 are also shown:—

VICTORIAN FLAX PRODUCTION AND AUSTRALIAN IMPORTS OF FLAX PRODUCTS, 1946-47 TO 1950-51.

Season.	Area.	Straw delivered at Mills.	Produce Obtained.		Australian Imports (year ended 30th June).		
			Fibre.	Seed.	Fibre.	Linseed.	Linseed. Oil.
	Acres.	Tons.	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.	Gallons.
1946-47 ..	12,041	13,858	28,240	16,036	241	318,670	86,392
1947-48 ..	12,183	19,427	20,126	27,671	..	270,039	1,411,625
1948-49 ..	6,971	11,062	22,760	18,500	328	365,358	2,081,703
1949-50 ..	5,261	6,925	15,020	17,771	..	388,631	1,498,572
1950-51 ..	3,633	5,071	14,107	11,664	..	274,531	2,104,712

Linseed. Linseed oil is one of the chief components of paints, varnishes, and linoleum, and has many other industrial uses. The presscake or meal, which remains after the oil has been extracted from the ground and partly-cooked seed, is a valuable stock food.

Several attempts have been made in the past to establish linseed growing in Australia. In general, they have failed because of unsuitable varieties, insect pests, and disease. However, the introduction of disease-resisting varieties and the development of effective means of pest control have combined to make linseed growing a favorable enterprise.

The area sown to linseed in Victoria for the season 1949-50 was 8,148 acres which produced 57,972 bushels (56 lb.) of pure seed valued at £124,785 (gross). The yield per acre was 7.36 bushels and the value to the grower was £82 per ton (41s. per bushel).

Orchards. The extent of cultivation of each important class of fruit on holdings of one acre and upwards during the seasons 1946-47 and 1949-50 is shown in the following table:—

VICTORIA—FRUIT TREES, PLANTS, ETC., IN ORCHARDS AND GARDENS, 1946-47 AND 1949-50.

Fruit.	Number of Trees, Plants, &c.					
	1946-47.			1949-50.		
	Bearing.	Not Bearing.	Total.	Bearing.	Not Bearing.	Total.
Apples	1,812,605	230,609	2,043,214	1,677,923	290,612	1,968,535
Pears	1,131,658	191,488	1,323,146	1,087,865	178,737	1,266,602
Quinces	53,524	19,548	73,067	49,968	21,665	71,633
Plums	228,346	67,593	295,939	213,366	87,630	300,996
Prunes	36,274	10,947	47,221	26,735	14,540	41,275
Cherries	98,708	67,844	166,552	108,696	76,374	185,070
Peaches	1,163,870	334,546	1,498,416	1,123,251	290,123	1,413,374
Apricots	394,048	112,443	506,491	400,453	116,757	517,210
Nectarines	30,133	11,583	41,716	27,376	7,793	35,169
Oranges	355,337	111,211	466,548	363,625	131,769	495,394
Lemons	120,550	73,640	194,190	124,427	51,894	176,321
Figs	17,959	2,200	20,159	14,906	3,268	18,174
Total Large Fruits	5,443,012	1,233,647	6,676,659	5,218,591	1,271,162	6,489,753
Raspberries	303,526	46,263	349,789	333,912	44,252	378,164
Loganberries	119,861	9,312	129,173	114,347	19,931	134,278
Strawberries	4,532,309	631,586	5,163,895	5,208,842	447,550	5,656,392
Gooseberries	69,208	11,708	80,916	72,172	29,462	101,634
Olives	1,606	55,806	57,412	3,609	96,197	99,806
Passion-fruit	22,197	13,614	35,811	18,891	10,588	29,479
Almonds	40,590	26,927	67,517	42,552	36,688	79,240
Walnuts	5,903	4,580	10,483	7,966	3,643	11,609
Filberts	2,800	830	3,630	4,584	2,174	6,758
Total Nuts	49,293	32,337	81,630	55,102	42,505	97,607

The distribution of the fruit industry over the State is set out fruit and the number of trees of each kind in each county are

Statistical Districts and Counties.	Growers.	Area.	Apples.	Pears.	Peaches.
	No.	Acres.	Trees.	Trees.	Trees.
Central District—					
Bourke	664	9,565	255,231	233,994	231,084
Grant	166	1,493	50,582	5,932	3,944
Mornington	856	11,190	892,020	62,483	27,076
Evelyn	760	6,664	211,837	43,689	51,853
North-Central District—					
Anglesey	4	2	117	23	15
Dalhousie	9	21	386	51	23
Talbot	187	2,872	201,331	61,569	3,723
Western District—					
Grenville	24	219	7,147	990	72
Polwarth	30	111	8,538	532	38
Heytesbury	8	30	2,335	92	5
Hampden	1	3	100	12	..
Ripon	2	4	279	64	12
Villiers .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
Normanby	70	601	56,550	731	32
Dundas	10	30	756	93	53
Follett	8	31	2,459	156	13
Wimmera District—					
Lowan	44	999	2,941	442	1,491
Borong	158	2,359	42,625	15,987	34,227
Kara Kara	37	191	12,741	1,256	1,016
Mallee District—					
Millewa	8	63	..	14	..
Weeah .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
Karkaroor	625	2,614	653	1,697	2,841
Tatchera	267	1,506	2,013	913	1,863
Northern District—					
Gunbower	82	1,219	2,058	434	1,339
Gladstone	26	177	11,830	1,833	1,395
Bendigo	181	1,897	43,785	34,549	22,543
Rodney	356	11,646	19,166	410,332	511,987
Moir	469	13,191	28,421	384,749	512,380
North-Eastern District—					
Delatite	86	533	19,239	551	1,564
Bogong	179	1,294	59,064	1,906	1,233
Benambra	12	18	601	74	122
Wonnangatta	4	5	233	5	4
Gippsland District—					
Croajingolong	24	18	365	97	111
Tambo	25	26	781	243	198
Dargo	36	83	3,382	182	244
Tanjil	23	124	8,040	515	192
Buln Buln	41	247	20,929	412	681
Total for State	5,482	71,046	1,968,535	1,266,602	1,413,374

in the following table, where the number of growers, the area under given for the season 1949-50 :—

Apricots.	Plums.	Cherries.	Quinces.	Oranges.	Mandarins.	Grape-fruit.	Lemons and Limes.
Trees.	Trees.	Trees.	Trees.	Trees.	Trees.	Trees.	Trees.
46,598	33,332	35,122	22,070	56	2	138	77,081
46,893	4,912	1,426	844	306	..	3	881
6,629	41,302	31,486	5,051	148	5	51	22,565
7,444	91,854	90,111	9,734	84	2	35	33,265
5	11	8	7	..	..	..	..
18	36	20	5	..	..	..	..
1,140	12,325	6,299	1,485	2	..	..	122
9,812	1,833	13	170	1	..	1	1
540	608	15	66	..	..	..	5
9	198	2	8	..	..	..	..
18	20	..	..	..	..	..	..
5	5	3	1	..	..	..	..
199	178	5	27	2	..	..	11
368	83	17	12	..	..	..	..
47	28	..	10	..	..	..	..
7,931	601	35	238	143	15	7	53
27,683	4,515	3,231	4,171	286	11	11	663
596	219	1,236	38	..	..	..	4
81	..	..	..	3,822	22	573	307
8,125	759	55	315	162,054	5,134	15,221	7,723
15,048	1,547	113	356	82,436	718	5,209	3,940
599	113	4	23	91,145	1,297	5,157	2,633
199	146	334	29	328	6	6	26
10,487	12,568	819	4,643	20,590	31	769	5,590
153,359	21,643	306	9,276	13,674	45	805	2,795
171,046	65,575	7,842	12,285	76,497	1,218	3,660	16,994
874	256	1,640	316	740	8	217	144
397	4,944	3,985	238	2,224	56	40	761
39	84	27	33	23	6	1	10
6	19	4	3	1	1	1	2
49	112	66	40	56	4	4	18
221	159	191	36	38	2	3	45
190	166	334	52	55	9	29	407
364	672	95	34	33	2	6	126
191	173	226	17	9	..	100	149
517,210	300,996	185,070	71,633	454,753	8,594	32,047	176,321

The following tables show the numbers of growers (in counties) of

Districts and Counties.	Apples.		Pears.		Peaches.	
	100 trees and over.	10 and under 100 trees.	100 trees and over.	10 and under 100 trees.	100 trees and over.	10 and under 100 trees.
Central District—						
Bourke	316	75	329	47	327	39
Grant	68	53	21	42	14	24
Mornington	670	74	175	103	72	26
Evelyn	275	91	101	62	136	49
North-Central District—						
Anglesey .. .. .	..	4	..	..	..	..
Dalhousie	2	5	..	2	..	1
Talbot	167	12	114	35	10	14
Western District—						
Grenville	10	7	3	11	..	2
Polwarth	13	15	2	6	..	1
Heytesbury	3	5	..	1	..	..
Hampden	1	..	..	1	..	..
Ripon	1	1	..	1	..	1
Villiers .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..
Normanby	57	13	3	12	..	1
Dundas	3	6	..	3	..	2
Follett	5	3	1	1	..	..
Wimmera District—						
Lowan	8	12	..	10	3	7
Borong	53	43	46	52	56	35
Kara Kara	24	9	3	15	3	10
Mallee District—						
Millewa .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..
Weeah .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..
Karkaroc	1	12	4	22	11	34
Tatchera	4	22	1	17	6	34
Northern District—						
Gunbower	5	13	1	11	3	6
Gladstone	14	7	2	7	4	6
Bendigo	55	41	61	25	37	38
Rodney	29	34	233	19	270	8
Moir	96	75	294	22	313	34
North-Eastern District—						
Delatite	23	35	1	7	4	9
Bogong	62	55	4	23	2	18
Benambra	2	9	..	3	..	4
Wonnangatta	1	3	..	..	..	..
Gippsland District—						
Croajingolong .. .. .	..	18	..	1	..	2
Tambo	3	17	..	7	1	2
Dargo	7	18	..	6	..	5
Tanjil	6	11	2	3	1	3
Buln Buln	11	20	2	3	2	..
Total	1,995	818	1,433	581	1,275	415

each kind of fruit and nuts grown in the State for the season 1949-50:—

Apricots.		Plums.		Cherries.		Quinces.		Passion Fruit.		Oranges.	
100 trees and over.	10 and under 100 trees.	100 trees and over.	10 and under 100 trees.	100 trees and over.	10 and under 100 trees.	100 trees and over.	10 and under 100 trees.	100 vines and over.	10 and under 100 vines.	100 trees and over.	10 and under 100 trees.
92	80	131	141	121	70	80	93	..	1	..	2
78	44	18	50	7	6	3	17	1	..	1	..
24	59	149	127	100	33	17	35	7	6	..	4
23	50	273	173	223	45	29	59	7	7	..	1
..
4	18	48	36	22	17	5	14	..	..	..	..
17	3	7	7	..	1	..	5	..	..	..	..
1	2	2	11	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..
..	6	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1	3	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
23	9	2	8	..	1	..	4	..	..	1	1
70	42	21	40	9	12	8	33	..	3	1	6
3	6	1	3	3	8	..	1	..	..	..	..
..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	1
27	62	1	14	..	1	1	5	3	4	288	246
61	74	5	23	..	2	..	10	1	..	90	48
1	7	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	63	7
..	4	..	5	1	3	..	..	..	..	1	1
33	38	37	34	3	12	13	22	..	..	32	15
252	20	52	21	1	3	22	6	..	..	26	19
306	29	200	69	9	8	43	47	5	1	96	37
3	6	..	7	4	9	1	2	16	3	3	7
..	7	2	14	6	3	..	2	2	..	8	31
..	1	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
..
..	1	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
..	3	..	6	1	2	..	..	1	1	..	..
..	5	..	5	1	4	..	2	4	2	..	1
1	1	2	4	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	1
1	1	..	4	1	..	..	..	2	3	..	..
1,021	585	952	829	512	244	222	360	52	30	617	430

Number of Growers—*continued.*

Districts and Counties.	Man-darins.		Grape-fruit.		Lemons.		Almonds.		Walnuts.	
	100 trees and over.	10 and under 100 trees.	100 trees and over.	10 and under 100 trees.	100 trees and over.	10 and under 100 trees.	100 trees and over.	10 and under 100 trees.	100 trees and over.	10 and under 100 trees.
Central District—										
Bourke	1	1	228	100	1	7	1	..
Grant	1	1	3	16	..	3
Mornington	1	66	57	1	11	..	3
Evelyn	111	101	2	7	3	6
North-Central District—										
Anglesey
Dalhousie	1	1	..	1
Talbot	3	1	3	..	..
Western District—										
Grenville
Polwarth
Heytesbury
Hampden
Ripon
Villiers
Normanby
Dundas
Follett
Wimmera District—										
Lowan	1	..	..	..	1	4	4	..	..
Borong	1	16	10	24	..	1
Kara Kara	1	1	..	..
Mallee District—										
Millewa	1	1	5	1	1	..	..	..	..
Weeah	82	34	126	21	73	19	93	..	11
Karkaroc	3	10	24	14	36	39	73	..	3
Tatchera
Northern District—										
Gunbower	5	11	24	17	11	17	4	9	..
Gladstone
Benligo	1	1	5	14	13	13	13	..	2
Rodney	1	2	3	7	15	12	16	..	2
Moira	5	17	9	31	39	55	16	33	1
North-Eastern District—										
Delatite	1	1	..	2	1	10	10	10
Bogong	1	..	1	2	17	17	16	6	7
Benambra	1	3
Wonnangatta	1
Gippsland District—										
Croajingolong	1	1	2
Tambo	3	..	1	..	..
Dargo	1	2	3	1	..	2	2
Tanjil	2	..	4	..	..
Buln Buln	1	..	1	1	..	..	1	3
Total	21	125	86	216	519	518	146	344	26	66

The principal fruits grown in the State are apples, pears, peaches, and citrus. The apple and pear crops for the season 1949-50 amounted to 810,836 and 1,884,012 bushels respectively.

A considerable quantity of apricots, peaches, and pears is grown, mostly in irrigated areas, for canning purposes. The total output of 2,123,820 cases of canned fruits for the 1950 season comprised apricots, 318,590 cases; peaches (including 47,972 cases of mixed fruits), 971,235 cases; and pears, 833,995 cases. This output represented 69 per cent. of the total Australian pack of these fruits. In addition to the fruits shown in the subjoined table, large quantities of melons, rhubarb, and tomatoes are produced in orchards. The gross value of all fruit grown in the season 1949-50 was £4,306,833 as compared with £3,561,218 in 1948-49.

VICTORIA—FRUIT GROWING, 1944-45 TO 1949-50.

—	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49.	1949-50.
Number of Growers ..	5,706	5,598	5,737	5,941	5,943	5,482
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
Area	68,245	69,479	71,312	71,513	71,746	71,046
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
Kind of Fruit—						
Apples	1,138,801	2,597,618	1,111,780	1,991,297	1,847,793	810,836
Pears	1,750,802	1,464,075	2,215,592	1,854,909	2,018,682	1,884,012
Quinces	61,532	65,341	46,730	81,529	56,431	47,005
Apricots	366,000	336,871	429,951	563,774	480,365	608,515
Cherries	52,929	44,064	43,446	57,988	63,284	44,059
Nectarines	24,011	22,196	20,176	22,463	26,937	17,940
Peaches	1,404,870	1,086,841	1,350,113	1,619,066	1,192,953	1,236,733
Plums	156,391	189,155	135,653	248,226	167,552	151,157
Prunes	33,709	39,548	35,597	32,289	31,295	17,933
Lemons	100,897	109,463	117,936	170,385	148,466	142,887
Oranges	663,418	655,562	466,774	793,081	777,769	705,621
Figs	11,537	14,701	15,859	13,139	9,104	12,825
Passion-fruit	6,254	3,523	7,283	7,415	5,883	6,894
Other Large Fruits ..	2,157	2,113	724	1,510	604	1,142
	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.
Gooseberries	2,423	1,639	2,427	2,245	2,528	1,469
Loganberries	3,017	2,688	3,320	2,502	3,179	2,528
Raspberries	2,950	2,397	3,278	3,243	3,193	3,186
Strawberries	3,561	3,027	5,007	4,033	5,013	4,077
	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.
Almonds	122,766	131,299	154,063	151,428	176,341	146,081
Filberts	9,572	4,970	7,219	6,934	11,057	18,028
Walnuts	86,987	63,310	85,303	61,622	69,840	59,109

**Dried fruit
(exclusive of
Raisins and
Currants).**

The production of the various kinds of dried tree-fruits for each of the last five seasons is shown in the following statement. Particulars in respect of dried vine-fruits appear on page 87 :—

VICTORIA—DRIED TREE-FRUIT, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

Year ended June—	Apples.	Apricots.	Figs.	Necta- rines.	Peaches.	Pears.	Prunes.	Total.
	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.
1946 ..	4,508	103,040	8,153	149	465,920	176,960	432,320	1,191,050
1947 ..	61	78,400	..	1,120	436,800	241,920	465,920	1,224,221
1948 ..	108	55,343	5,010	141	624,736	185,082	407,372	1,227,792
1949 ..	196	151,773	2,992	4,456	411,850	273,980	379,275	1,224,522
1950 ..	72	230,771	4,112	28	334,194	133,059	301,865	1,004,101

**Vegetable
growing.**

Prior to the season 1942-43, statistics relating to vegetable growing were collected only from those market gardeners who cropped an area of 1 acre or more. Only the surface area employed for vegetable growing was tabulated and, as a consequence, due to double-cropping, the actual area utilized was understated. Furthermore, vegetables grown between trees and vines in orchards and vineyards were not recorded.

From the season 1942-43, however, particulars were obtained of all vegetables grown on areas of $\frac{1}{4}$ acre and upwards, including those grown in orchards and vineyards, and allowance was made for double cropping. These changes in practice therefore invalidate any comparison with previous years.

Excluding potatoes and onions, which are shown under separate headings in this issue of the *Year-Book*, the area sown to vegetables in Victoria for the season 1949-50 was 35,361 acres and the gross value of the estimated production therefrom was £4,503,623.

The areas sown to the different kinds of vegetables were :—

	Acres.		Acres.
Carrots	1,752	Beans, Broad ..	171
Parsnips	944	Peas, green ..	8,707
Beetroot	675	Peas, blue ..	151
Cabbage	2,025	Asparagus ..	1,338
Cauliflower ..	2,836	Brussels Sprouts ..	803
Lettuce	1,774	Silver beet ..	100
Tomatoes	6,626	Cucumber ..	124
Pumpkins	2,336	Marrows ..	38
Turnips	372	Melons ..	309
Beans, French ..	3,233	Other ..	1,047

Minor Crops. There are other crops cultivated in Victoria in addition to those enumerated on pages 66 and 67. The most important of these are:—Nursery products, cut flowers, sweet corn, mustard, sunflowers, garlic, scent plants, and agricultural seeds.

The following table shows the number of holdings upon which fertilizers were applied and the quantities used in the various seasons. The fertilizer mainly used on wheat areas is "Superphosphate 22 per cent." (reduced to 18 per cent. in July, 1941 and then increased to 19 per cent. in October, 1946, 21 per cent. in December, 1947, and 22 per cent. in September, 1948). It is also used on 90 per cent. of the oat areas fertilized:—

VICTORIA—ARTIFICIAL FERTILIZERS USED.

Season.				Number of Holdings.	Area Fertilized.	Quantity Used.
					Acres.	Tons.
1944-45	{	Crops .. ..	..	30,905	2,445,339	89,989
		Pastures .. ..	..	23,917	2,121,406	96,469
1945-46	{	Crops .. ..	..	32,148	3,383,072	114,541
		Pastures .. ..	..	25,019	2,708,379	133,484
1946-47	{	Crops .. ..	..	30,471	3,536,941	137,662
		Pastures .. ..	..	26,763	3,374,996	183,430
1947-48	{	Crops .. ..	..	30,853	3,769,125	157,816
		Pastures .. ..	..	29,056	4,461,025	244,826
1948-49	{	Crops .. ..	..	29,634	3,654,753	158,889
		Pastures .. ..	..	31,047	5,513,693	308,801
1949-50	{	Crops .. ..	..	35,418	3,839,023	175,559
		Pastures .. ..	..	35,444	6,726,723	374,461
1950-51	{	Crops .. ..	..	30,930	3,616,640	168,891
		Pastures .. ..	..	34,284	7,185,111	394,195

Machinery used on Holdings. Statistics in respect of most kinds of serviceable farming implements for the years 1946 and 1950 are shown in the table which follows. In 1951 the collection was confined to milking plants, shearing plants, and tractors.

VICTORIA—MACHINERY AND IMPLEMENTS IN USE ON RURAL HOLDINGS AT 31ST MARCH, 1946, 1950 AND 1951.

	Number.		
	1946.	1950.	1951.
Milking machines—Number of units	38,639	54,180	60,339
Shearing machines—Number of stands	15,136	20,485	24,755
Tractors—			
Wheeled type	13,599	23,235	28,132
Crawler or track type	584	884	926
Ploughs—			
Single furrow	37,599	32,753	} Not collected.
Multiple furrow	42,758	43,428	
Cultivators (including scarifiers, harrows, &c.)—			
Tandem Disc	4,492	7,607	
Other Disc	14,045	14,569	
Spring tooth	15,245	13,996	
Rigid time	5,117	5,120	
Scarifiers	19,495	18,988	
Harrows—Number of leaves	189,216	191,776	
Rotary Hoes	1,423	3,345	
Other	1,615	1,138	} 3,867
Fertilizer distributors and broadcasters	14,158	18,935	
Grain drills—			} Not collected.
Combine type	16,887	16,145	
Other types	10,321	9,781	
Maize planters	1,339	2,988*	
Harvesting machinery—			
Headers, strippers, and harvesters	15,048	14,471	
Binders	18,649	16,979	
Mowers	19,138	22,059	
Hay rakes	15,526	17,133	
Hay presses and balers	2,785	3,973	
Potato diggers	818	914	
Chaff cutters	23,013	20,324	
Spraying plants	3,209	3,428	
Fruit graders	835	920	
Motor trucks, utilities or motor lorries	19,824	27,838	
Stationary engines	33,682	39,549	
Electric motors ($\frac{1}{2}$ h.p. and over)	7,984	12,827	

* Seed planters.

Information is collected annually as to the number of persons ordinarily engaged in farm work on rural holdings of one acre or more. Persons absent from their farms for the greater portion of the year following other occupations, as well as temporary hands engaged in harvesting, &c., are excluded from the tabulation. In respect of female employees, it is evident that numbers of occupiers misinterpret the questions and wrongly include those who, though they may give some assistance outdoors, are primarily engaged in domestic duties. Particulars for the years 1944-45 to 1950-51 are as follow:—

Persons
employed on
Rural
Holdings.

VICTORIA—PERSONS PERMANENTLY ENGAGED ON RURAL HOLDINGS, INCLUDING WORKING PROPRIETORS, ETC., BUT EXCLUDING CASUAL AND SEASONAL WORKERS, 1944-45 TO 1950-51.

Year ending March.	Males.	Females.	Total.
	No.	No.	No.
1945	87,418	12,064	99,482
1946	89,867	10,209	100,076
1947	92,533	8,784	101,317
1948	92,178	7,353	99,531
1949	88,728	6,509	95,237
1950	86,943	7,676	94,619
1951	89,917	6,380	96,297

NOTE.—Information relating to wages of males temporarily employed during the seasons 1946-47, 1949-50 and 1950-51 was collected in addition to the numbers of those permanently engaged. Such wages amounted to £2,654,600, £4,241,819 and £5,058,642 respectively.

In the next table will be found particulars of the rates of wages paid (with rations) upon rural holdings during 1949-50. The information has been furnished by the occupiers of holdings :—

VICTORIA—RATES OF WAGES ON RURAL HOLDINGS, 1949-50.

Occupations.	Prevailing Rate.	Range.
Ploughmen	143s. per week	100s. to 200s. per week
Farm labourers	140s. per week	80s. to 200s. per week
Threshing machine hands	4s. per hour	2s. 3d. to 5s. per hour
Harvest hands	34s. 9d. per day	20s. to 60s. per day
Milkers	123s. 9d. per week	80s. to 180s. per week
Maize pickers (without rations)	1s. 9d. per bag of cobs	1s. 6d. to 2s. per bag of cobs
Married couples	172s. 9d. per week	120s. to 250s. per week
Female servants	74s. 3d. per week	40s. to 130s. per week
Shearers, hand (without rations)	91s. 9d. per 100 sheep	70s. to 130s. per 100 sheep
„ machine (without rations)	98s. per 100 sheep	70s. to 165s. per 100 sheep
Gardeners, market	134s. per week	120s. to 150s. per week
„ orchard	143s. 6d. per week	120s. to 158s. per week
Vineyard hands	138s. 6d. per week	100s. to 150s. per week

In recent years legislative provision has been made by both the Commonwealth and State Parliaments for granting financial relief to primary producers. These provisions have been described in previous issues of the *Year-Book*.

Financial Assistance to Primary Producers.

PASTORAL AND DAIRYING INDUSTRIES.**Live Stock.**

The pastoral and dairying industries have always been important sources of wealth to the State, and the indications are that both pastures and stock are, on the whole, steadily improving. The next table, which shows the number of horses, dairy cows, other cattle, sheep and pigs, illustrates the progress of stock breeding in Victoria :—

LIVE STOCK IN VICTORIA, 1861 TO 1951.

At 1st March—	Horses (including Foals).	Cattle—		Sheep.	Pigs.
		Dairy Cows.*	Other.		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1861	76,536	197,332	525,000	5,780,896	61,259
1871	167,220	197,814	523,282	10,761,887	130,946
1881	275,516	329,198	957,069	10,360,285	241,936
1891	436,469	395,192	1,387,689	12,692,843	282,457
1901	392,237	521,612	1,080,772	10,841,790	350,370
1911	472,080	668,777	878,792	12,882,665	333,281
1921	487,503	620,005	955,154	12,171,084	175,275
1931	379,872	669,132	760,788	16,477,995	281,245
1941	318,441	942,107	980,229	20,412,362	397,945
1947 at 31st March ..	227,164	956,140	1,103,921	16,598,490	290,450
1948 „ „ ..	221,454	975,338	1,198,865	17,931,173	271,492
1949 „ „ ..	213,090	1,010,518	1,214,025	19,170,312	223,823
1950 „ „ ..	200,143	1,036,370	1,194,578	19,161,043	212,901
1951 „ „ ..	186,415	1,021,249	1,195,004	20,011,933	237,127

* Includes cows (in milk and dry), and springing heifers.

While the preceding table shows the actual number of live stock each year, it is difficult to determine the progress or otherwise of the pastoral industry unless the total number of live stock is brought to a common denomination. In the table which follows an arbitrary equivalent of ten sheep to each head of the larger kinds of live stock (omitting pigs) has been adopted and the total live stock grazed expressed as sheep :—

VICTORIA—LIVE STOCK GRAZED, 1861-1951.

Year.		Equivalent in Sheep of Live Stock Grazed.	Year.		Equivalent in Sheep of Live Stock Grazed.
		No.			No.
1861		13,769,576	1931		34,575,915
1871		20,335,496	1941		42,820,132
1881		25,978,115	1947		39,470,740
1891		34,886,343	1948		41,887,743
1901		30,788,000	1949		43,546,642
1911		33,079,155	1950		43,471,953
1921		32,797,704	1951		44,038,613

When making comparisons of the figures in the foregoing table, consideration should be given to the varying acreage under cultivation as shown on page 61.

Size of holdings and numbers of live stock. A table showing the sizes of holdings and the numbers of live stock thereon as at March, 1948, appears on page 63 of this issue of the *Year-Book*.

Live stock in Australia. In the following statement are given the numbers of horses, cattle, sheep, and pigs in the various Australian States at 31st March, 1950:—

LIVE STOCK IN THE COMMONWEALTH, 1950.

State.	Horses.	Cattle.	Sheep.	Pigs.
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Victoria	200,143	2,230,948	19,161,043	212,901
New South Wales	342,479	3,440,461	53,298,000	333,198
Queensland	317,261	6,304,778	17,582,152	391,836
South Australia	82,617	464,141	9,477,026	69,523
Western Australia	59,166	864,936	10,923,167	79,126
Tasmania	21,197	274,740	2,170,329	35,841
Northern Territory	32,904	1,048,875	25,725	419
Australian Capital Territory	968	11,161	253,546	423
Total	1,056,735	14,640,040	112,890,988	1,123,267

Agriculture in Victoria and Great Britain. The figures relating to agriculture and live stock in Victoria and Great Britain (England, Wales, and Scotland) are, for comparative purposes, given in the table which follows:—

AGRICULTURE AND LIVE STOCK IN VICTORIA AND GREAT BRITAIN.

	Victoria. (1949-50.)	Great Britain. (1946-47.)
Total area acres	56,245,760	56,208,959
Wheat bushels	57,433,835	62,197,000
Oats "	8,718,307	125,664,000
Barley "	4,876,180	72,307,000
Potatoes tons	167,881	6,742,000
Root Crops for Stock Fodder (Turnips, Swedes, and Mangelds) tons	10,239	13,337,000
Hay tons	1,000,855	6,327,000
Horses No.	200,143	702,923
Cattle "	2,230,948	8,633,424
Sheep "	19,161,043	16,186,297
Pigs "	212,901	1,294,186

**Distribution
of Live Stock.**

The next table contains particulars of Live Stock

VICTORIA—DISTRIBUTION

Statistical Districts and Counties.	Horses.	Dairy Cattle.					
		Cows.		Spring- ing Heifers.	Other Heifers for Dairying.	Calves.	Bulls.
		Milking.	Dry.				
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Central District—							
Bourke	25,608	29,500	12,572	4,241	9,856	6,663	1,311
Grant	8,784	17,564	6,758	2,115	6,654	6,099	1,156
Mornington	18,291	84,395	21,461	6,414	21,881	20,990	3,928
Evelyn	4,566	10,354	3,657	1,395	4,138	3,512	670
North-Central District—							
Anglesey	2,531	4,993	3,346	1,231	2,201	2,306	327
Dalhousie	3,155	4,100	1,619	459	1,650	1,865	315
Talbot	5,942	10,538	3,086	963	3,685	4,036	663
Western District—							
Grenville	4,590	12,704	8,323	2,521	4,501	4,330	851
Polwarth	3,017	23,103	8,628	2,976	7,884	7,143	1,367
Heytesbury	3,437	39,757	14,906	2,563	12,136	11,255	2,165
Hampden	4,399	28,317	16,664	3,712	11,108	9,323	1,825
Ripon	2,840	3,840	1,945	445	1,493	1,870	344
Villiers	5,115	25,905	16,587	4,559	11,061	8,112	1,565
Normanby	4,793	16,144	13,762	2,797	6,483	7,344	1,312
Dundas	3,440	4,329	5,942	1,503	1,768	2,888	486
Follett	1,286	1,545	2,491	751	454	1,172	142
Wimmera District—							
Lowan	5,163	4,690	3,265	805	1,518	2,599	559
Borung	6,375	6,243	2,614	760	1,617	2,841	706
Kara Kara	3,200	2,510	1,188	280	814	1,223	198
Mallee District—							
Millewa	885	436	206	46	119	151	39
Weeah	839	873	397	83	184	262	124
Karkaroc	5,347	3,861	1,347	348	713	1,774	319
Tatchera	5,734	9,053	2,684	934	2,920	3,571	598
Northern District—							
Gunbower	4,565	26,646	6,733	3,164	7,817	8,748	1,296
Gladstone	3,488	2,482	1,000	225	645	1,011	187
Bendigo	7,327	14,655	3,855	1,508	4,082	5,426	851
Rodney	7,107	39,855	8,028	3,687	13,655	14,128	2,033
Moir	11,903	17,403	6,965	2,524	6,313	7,591	1,271
North-Eastern District—							
Delatite	6,161	18,294	7,931	3,671	5,850	8,477	1,163
Bogong	7,558	33,675	8,889	5,289	8,085	11,938	1,619
Benambra	3,671	16,127	3,634	2,051	3,457	5,295	680
Wonnangatta	328	778	316	39	223	211	23
Gippsland District—							
Croajonglong	1,088	6,486	1,834	451	2,089	2,406	269
Tambo	1,641	5,639	1,517	510	1,726	1,931	241
Dargo	1,459	5,670	1,188	876	2,212	2,034	261
Tanjil	4,753	37,903	9,784	4,763	10,425	10,838	1,586
Buln Buln	14,757	144,960	26,109	9,153	37,334	39,741	6,508
Total for State ..	200,143	715,327	241,231	79,812	218,751	231,104	38,958

in each County of the State as at March, 1950 :—
OF LIVE STOCK, 1950.

Beef Cattle.				Total Cattle (Dairy and Beef).	Pigs.	Sheep.		
Cows.	Calves (under Twelve Months).	Bulls.	Other Cattle.			Sheep.	Lambs.	Total.
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
10,853	5,061	330	9,375	89,762	13,487	480,316	96,173	576,489
11,664	7,092	752	8,104	67,958	5,110	662,715	168,456	831,171
21,655	8,713	386	15,900	205,723	13,288	200,521	48,081	248,602
4,998	2,667	210	4,748	36,349	4,828	45,127	11,470	56,597
8,059	5,157	243	8,292	36,155	3,341	425,761	72,709	498,470
3,544	2,828	145	5,219	21,744	1,236	429,468	94,289	523,757
4,053	3,530	175	6,228	36,957	3,398	450,636	139,245	589,881
2,689	1,505	117	4,326	41,867	4,247	596,750	152,061	748,811
4,126	2,033	81	3,996	61,337	7,364	144,629	42,953	187,582
2,232	1,333	83	2,817	89,257	3,441	56,016	12,208	68,224
12,529	6,573	407	15,016	105,474	2,519	726,997	216,314	943,311
2,758	1,918	102	2,167	16,882	574	797,737	196,954	994,691
20,285	10,988	599	14,423	114,084	1,416	778,750	215,944	994,694
13,256	7,720	516	8,032	77,366	3,898	610,092	148,892	758,984
7,345	4,607	302	5,666	34,836	1,306	839,708	181,963	1,021,671
5,991	3,412	235	3,406	19,599	290	235,719	46,935	282,654
1,918	1,591	88	1,129	18,162	1,679	1,084,561	257,632	1,342,193
679	1,113	49	1,394	18,016	3,806	697,727	180,765	878,492
1,059	920	50	1,221	9,463	1,265	476,810	134,751	611,561
130	189	15	152	1,483	294	80,876	23,911	104,787
68	159	3	178	2,331	468	103,573	22,206	125,779
486	536	28	883	10,295	2,345	399,144	99,996	499,140
1,465	1,441	57	2,073	24,796	6,128	354,326	99,861	454,187
4,124	3,698	127	5,644	67,997	14,493	283,251	87,626	370,877
576	616	25	1,136	7,903	1,468	379,261	117,268	496,529
2,359	2,127	97	2,861	37,821	8,038	429,711	138,052	567,763
4,678	3,763	135	4,700	94,662	19,525	476,061	170,997	647,058
6,120	5,268	251	8,761	62,467	10,743	877,245	236,209	1,113,454
16,966	11,786	519	24,599	99,256	7,509	618,348	166,287	784,635
19,334	11,921	557	15,565	116,872	15,987	324,939	72,694	397,633
23,113	14,526	715	15,189	84,787	6,276	209,569	57,025	266,594
1,755	1,064	56	1,294	5,759	82	41,981	10,584	52,565
3,596	2,242	112	2,163	21,648	3,991	37,272	11,701	48,973
8,678	5,482	236	2,687	28,647	2,816	104,155	29,000	133,155
4,990	2,899	114	4,356	24,600	2,270	85,704	24,379	110,083
12,107	8,857	343	14,348	110,954	5,110	307,371	76,663	384,034
21,551	12,887	651	28,785	327,679	28,865	353,702	92,260	445,962
271,789	168,222	8,921	256,833	2,230,948	212,901	15,206,529	3,954,514	19,161,043

**Distribution
of Live Stock.**

The next table contains particulars of Live Stock

VICTORIA—DISTRIBUTION

Statistical Districts and Counties.	Horses.	Dairy Cattle.					
		Cows.		Springing Heifers.	Other Heifers for Dairying.	Calves.	Bulls.
		Milking.	Dry.				
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Central District—							
Bourke	24,894	27,250	12,983	3,571	9,193	7,171	1,219
Grant	8,127	16,649	7,216	1,855	6,312	5,829	1,054
Mornington	12,677	82,395	22,937	5,946	21,549	21,023	3,963
Evelyn	4,422	9,739	4,045	1,137	3,712	3,906	593
North-Central District—							
Anglesey	2,490	3,830	3,552	1,025	1,629	2,094	301
Dalhousie	3,000	3,613	1,710	562	1,440	1,665	251
Talbot	5,493	9,929	3,467	969	3,264	3,813	657
Western District—							
Grenville	4,265	11,595	8,573	2,340	4,564	3,511	816
Polwarth	2,804	22,514	8,654	2,703	7,532	6,434	1,198
Heytesbury	3,287	37,287	16,370	2,606	11,512	9,870	2,050
Hampden	4,333	26,573	17,900	3,193	11,057	8,632	1,698
Ripon	2,760	3,526	1,854	476	1,403	1,670	360
Villiers	5,021	22,407	18,038	3,828	9,898	6,875	1,466
Normanby	4,590	12,146	14,767	2,645	5,632	6,080	1,099
Dundas	3,255	3,717	4,736	1,175	1,538	2,080	419
Follett	1,281	1,471	2,113	526	498	760	130
Wimmera District—							
Lowan	4,603	4,145	2,742	769	1,279	1,893	490
Borong	5,425	5,802	2,777	750	1,460	2,787	630
Kara Kara	2,807	2,240	1,256	295	711	1,079	197
Mallee District—							
Millewa	693	379	191	59	107	164	42
Weeah	700	807	410	83	79	310	100
Karkaroc	4,512	3,454	1,448	361	657	1,717	278
Tatchera	4,869	8,150	8,019	755	2,958	3,576	561
Northern District—							
Gunbower	4,062	24,758	7,506	2,999	7,281	8,955	1,247
Gladstone	3,012	2,202	1,082	236	581	1,033	187
Bendigo	6,312	13,440	4,559	1,690	3,851	5,375	761
Rodney	6,516	39,188	7,623	3,160	12,154	13,309	1,967
Moira	10,495	18,356	8,001	3,077	6,064	8,588	1,414
North-Eastern District—							
Delatite	5,915	14,694	12,307	4,126	5,028	9,446	1,154
Bogong	6,984	27,457	14,465	7,165	6,586	12,557	1,492
Benambra	3,628	14,249	5,660	2,179	3,377	5,895	683
Wonnangatta	362	588	549	62	230	226	29
Gippsland District—							
Croajingolong	1,104	6,530	1,082	249	2,099	2,548	318
Tambo	1,581	5,088	1,754	717	1,492	1,929	224
Dargo	1,391	5,516	1,848	713	1,956	2,230	282
Tanjil	4,528	37,762	11,446	3,905	10,474	11,190	1,673
Buln Buln	14,217	144,565	30,383	10,303	34,428	40,983	6,348
Total for State	186,415	674,011	269,028	78,210	203,585	227,203	37,356

in each County of the State as at March, 1951 :—
OF LIVE STOCK, 1951.

Beef Cattle.				Total Cattle (Dairy and Beef).	Pigs.	Sheep.		
Cows.	Calves (under Twelve Months).	Bulls.	Other Cattle.			Sheep.	Lambs.	Total.
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
11,556	5,362	339	9,822	88,466	14,312	469,820	114,365	584,185
12,556	7,924	830	7,652	67,877	4,931	659,310	193,419	852,729
20,957	9,675	435	15,140	204,020	14,298	196,959	66,005	262,964
5,307	2,945	208	4,418	36,010	6,590	46,871	15,756	62,627
9,082	5,966	272	9,012	36,713	3,564	431,087	79,384	510,471
4,707	3,519	187	5,509	23,163	1,461	452,815	90,953	543,768
4,674	4,154	195	5,425	36,547	3,815	451,573	156,824	608,397
3,117	1,848	107	5,603	42,074	4,721	624,527	157,379	781,906
3,854	2,185	75	3,377	58,526	8,898	144,887	46,214	191,101
2,479	1,250	80	2,633	86,137	4,150	58,316	13,697	72,013
13,294	7,068	423	12,646	102,484	3,030	760,952	212,260	973,212
3,697	2,146	141	2,223	17,496	553	845,240	203,422	1,048,662
19,270	9,839	595	11,167	103,383	1,401	765,203	189,232	954,435
11,068	6,496	426	6,029	66,388	3,651	563,045	132,013	695,058
6,239	3,836	313	3,085	27,138	1,192	801,808	149,343	951,151
5,412	3,241	233	2,331	16,715	232	216,292	41,823	258,115
1,927	1,514	118	1,033	15,910	1,576	1,117,804	248,051	1,365,855
911	1,398	75	1,753	18,343	3,914	757,025	216,015	973,040
985	1,029	60	1,752	9,604	1,248	544,197	146,196	690,393
162	140	13	122	1,379	193	86,603	30,660	117,263
119	190	6	97	2,201	461	105,526	30,457	135,983
826	724	30	836	10,331	2,743	379,562	134,555	514,117
1,342	1,256	44	2,454	24,115	6,697	386,986	148,839	535,825
4,927	4,561	171	4,920	67,325	16,148	317,606	100,927	418,533
546	866	35	1,189	7,957	1,467	411,619	138,597	550,216
3,304	2,820	76	3,562	39,438	9,447	464,184	173,695	637,879
5,543	4,496	185	5,773	93,403	19,848	497,499	190,871	688,370
7,225	6,472	353	9,015	68,565	13,160	954,146	298,413	1,252,559
20,908	13,314	604	24,392	105,973	8,756	644,678	199,742	844,420
20,174	12,977	521	13,575	116,967	17,985	338,981	97,798	436,779
24,469	16,480	737	14,755	88,489	6,970	227,221	62,951	290,172
2,353	1,415	75	1,523	7,050	177	44,703	12,138	56,841
3,727	2,340	136	1,880	20,909	4,214	40,583	9,797	50,380
10,475	6,443	275	2,830	31,227	2,641	104,241	34,517	138,758
5,385	3,325	159	3,085	24,499	3,279	88,684	26,348	115,032
15,871	10,456	418	13,549	116,744	5,702	299,852	93,038	392,890
23,648	14,476	647	26,906	332,687	33,702	352,134	103,700	455,834
292,046	184,146	9,597	241,071	2,216,253	237,127	15,652,539	4,359,394	20,011,933

Dairying. The dairying industry is one of the principal sources of the wealth of the community. The gross value of dairy produce in the season 1949-50 was £32,962,296 as compared with £26,845,000 in 1948-49, £23,547,860 in 1947-48, £21,525,932 in 1946-47, and £18,866,694 in 1945-46. The following table shows the numbers of cow-keepers and cows and the estimated total production of milk for each of the last five years :—

VICTORIA—DAIRYING, 1946-47 TO 1950-51.

As at 31st March—	Number of Cow-keepers.	Number of Dairy Cows.*	Estimated Total Production of Milk for all Purposes (Year ended 30th June).
			1,000 Gallons.
1947	Not tabulated	956,140	445,536
1948	52,881	975,338	428,569
1949	52,861	1,010,518	462,446
1950	Not tabulated	1,036,370	469,253
1951	51,497	1,021,249	446,242

* Includes Cows (in milk and dry) and Springing Heifers.

Butter, Cheese, Condensed Milk and Casein. The quantities of butter, cheese, condensed and powdered milk, &c., and casein made during the last four years were as follow :—

VICTORIA—BUTTER, CHEESE, CONDENSED AND POWDERED MILK, CASEIN MADE, ETC., 1946-47 TO 1949-50.

Year Ended 30th June—	Butter.*	Cheese.*	Condensed and Full-Cream Powdered Milk.	All Other Milk Products.	Casein.
	1,000lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.
1947	134,936	39,526	104,898	22,753	5,135
1948	128,968	36,239	107,755	32,861	5,365
1949	136,946	41,163	116,141	37,271	6,359
1950	144,827	47,492	122,997	39,889	7,077

* Including that made on farms.

**Numbers and
Sizes of
Dairy Herds.**

The following table shows the number of dairy herds in Victoria, grouped, according to size, for each of the four years, 1948-51 :—

VICTORIA—DAIRY HERDS, CONTAINING FIVE COWS OR MORE, GROUPED ACCORDING TO SIZE.

As at March—		Number of Herds.							Total.
		5 to 9 Cows.	10 to 14 Cows.	15 to 19 Cows.	20 to 29 Cows.	30 to 49 Cows.	50 to 99 Cows.	100 and Over.	
1948	..	7,986	3,563	2,313	4,028	6,622	5,024	751	30,287
1949	..	7,649	3,480	2,246	4,020	6,863	5,394	788	30,440
1950	..	Not tabulated							
1951	..	6,703	2,944	2,021	3,741	6,779	5,780	874	28,842

The numbers of farmers with less than five cows were :—22,594 in 1948, 22,421 in 1949, and 22,655 in 1951. These numbers were excluded from the foregoing table as the groups were considered too small to be classed as dairy herds.

**Regulation,
Control and
Distribution
of the
Metropolitan
Milk Supply.**

Information in respect of the regulation, control, and distribution of the Metropolitan Milk Supply appears on pages 335 to 337 of the 1943-44 *Year-Book*.

Herds of Dairy Cattle. In the following table, dairy cattle (as distinct from into herds which are depastured on the differently sized

HERDS OF DAIRY CATTLE IN

Total Area of Holding.			Total in Victoria.				Size of Herd.			
			Herds.		Dairy Cattle.		Number. 1 to 4.		Number. 5 to 9.	
			No.	Percentage to Total.	No.	Percentage to Total.	Herds.	Dairy Cattle.	Herds.	Dairy Cattle.
Acres.							No.	No.	No.	No.
Under 10	..	..	1,880	3.54	7,096	0.47	1,418	2,954	338	2,125
10 and under	25		3,832	7.21	22,393	1.48	2,313	4,610	767	5,128
25	..	50	3,694	6.95	44,053	2.92	1,586	3,190	533	3,601
50	..	100	6,167	11.60	175,426	11.62	1,188	2,636	628	4,256
100	..	150	5,742	10.80	243,961	16.17	645	1,475	444	3,008
150	..	250	7,369	13.86	366,369	24.28	874	2,077	563	3,769
250	..	500	8,838	16.62	365,681	24.23	2,026	5,011	1,271	8,512
500	..	750	5,396	10.15	124,624	8.26	1,951	5,034	1,338	8,817
750	..	1,000	2,999	5.64	51,262	3.40	1,206	3,149	825	5,464
1,000	..	1,500	3,299	6.21	47,583	3.15	1,409	3,627	1,018	6,732
1,500	..	2,500	2,332	4.39	32,513	2.15	1,047	2,772	710	4,698
2,500	..	5,000	1,129	2.12	16,277	1.08	461	1,218	353	2,336
5,000	..	10,000	347	0.65	7,031	0.47	89	233	110	719
10,000	..	20,000	92	0.17	1,886	0.13	27	69	21	135
20,000 and over	..		46	0.09	2,873	0.19	18	46	10	65
Totals	..		53,162	100.00	1,509,028	100.00	16,258	38,101	8,929	59,365

Pigs.

The numbers of pigs in Victoria at 31st March, 1950, and at 31st March, 1951, were 212,901 and 237,127 respectively. About 75 per cent. of these are held in the Central,

dairy cows shown in the table on page 107), have been classified holdings as set out:—

VICTORIA AS AT MARCH, 1950.

Size of Herd—continued.

Number. 10 to 14.		Number. 15 to 19.		Number. 20 to 29.		Number. 30 to 49.		Number. 50 to 99.		Number. 100 and over.	
Herds.	Dairy Cattle.	Herds.	Dairy Cattle.	Herds.	Dairy Cattle.	Herds.	Dairy Cattle.	Herds.	Dairy Cattle.	Herds.	Dairy Cattle.
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
79	892	24	397	12	235	5	179	4	264	..	..
375	4,401	198	3,337	131	3,054	41	1,477	7	386	..	..
380	4,520	339	5,733	463	11,112	330	12,071	62	3,722	1	104
440	5,265	401	6,818	744	18,099	1,596	62,365	1,140	72,557	30	3,430
248	2,948	263	4,476	518	12,669	1,267	50,850	2,166	146,442	191	22,093
361	4,267	299	5,174	547	13,372	1,137	45,112	2,879	207,028	709	85,570
658	7,760	395	6,630	577	13,973	907	35,562	1,845	132,560	1,159	155,673
507	5,896	238	3,949	268	6,388	310	12,043	463	33,224	321	49,273
303	3,532	140	2,347	116	2,734	125	4,714	181	13,207	103	16,115
342	3,920	115	1,906	108	2,543	79	2,937	116	8,233	112	17,685
243	2,815	86	1,430	69	1,589	61	2,368	57	4,164	59	12,677
121	1,424	58	949	53	1,247	21	774	31	2,320	31	6,009
57	665	23	378	31	716	13	474	12	866	12	2,980
11	130	15	249	4	98	8	327	3	223	3	655
4	48	2	33	2	45	2	75	2	132	6	2,429
4,129	48,483	2,596	43,806	3,643	87,924	5,902	231,328	8,968	625,328	2,737	374,693

Western, Northern, and Gippsland districts which are so largely devoted to dairying. The following tables show classifications (in counties) of pigs together with the numbers of pig-keepers:—

VICTORIA—PIGS AND PIG-KEEPERS—MARCH 31st, 1950.

Districts and Counties.	Boars.	Breeding Sows.	Baconers and Porkers.	Back-fatters.	Stores.	Suckers, Weaners, Slips.	Total Pigs.	Pig-Owners (1950).
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Central District—								
Bourke	135	1,847	5,831	69	2,649	3,456	13,487	218
Grant	131	658	1,571	30	876	1,844	5,110	333
Mornington	337	1,821	3,384	46	3,581	4,119	13,288	635
Evelyn	118	738	1,212	39	667	2,054	4,828	271
North-Central District—								
Anglesey	86	480	650	14	769	1,342	3,341	161
Dalhousie	28	151	280	3	166	608	1,236	99
Talbot	89	466	1,078	22	425	1,318	3,398	304
Western District—								
Grenville	62	342	1,060	14	1,201	1,568	4,247	170
Polwarth	156	1,063	1,866	62	1,578	2,639	7,364	385
Heytesbury	114	500	671	13	855	1,288	3,441	227
Hampden	65	319	371	15	783	966	2,510	123
Ripon	19	62	184	..	147	162	574	50
Villiers	38	205	332	3	465	373	1,416	88
Normanby	116	582	894	17	649	1,640	3,898	385
Dundas	35	145	347	4	209	566	1,306	134
Follett	11	37	26	2	91	123	290	34
Wimmera District—								
Lowan	62	193	669	12	203	540	1,679	395
Borong	114	499	1,267	17	351	1,558	3,806	564
Kara Kara	32	162	343	8	160	560	1,265	161
Mallee District—								
Millewa	7	30	48	..	55	154	294	40
Weeah	14	76	164	3	21	190	468	69
Karkaroc	64	329	612	49	422	869	2,345	231
Tatchera	144	713	1,691	21	1,579	1,980	6,128	396
Northern District—								
Gunbower	353	1,823	3,952	45	4,435	3,885	14,493	613
Gladstone	37	186	424	8	136	677	1,468	184
Bendigo	155	978	2,593	7	1,818	2,487	8,038	420
Rodney	429	2,242	5,195	76	5,735	5,848	19,525	879
Moir	256	1,350	3,104	39	2,283	3,711	10,743	575
North-Eastern District—								
Delatite	202	1,014	1,987	38	1,722	2,546	7,509	469
Bogong	366	2,137	4,431	57	3,593	5,463	15,987	777
Benambra	152	797	1,714	20	1,500	2,093	6,276	316
Wonnangatta	5	18	12	1	24	24	82	18
Gippsland District—								
Croajingolong	100	598	852	10	1,147	1,284	3,991	123
Tambo	71	376	544	5	1,149	671	2,816	150
Dargo	64	336	712	7	403	748	2,270	150
Tanjil	139	643	1,040	13	1,747	1,528	5,110	291
Buln Buln	748	3,804	6,444	55	8,825	8,989	28,865	1,668
Total for State ..	5,052	27,220	57,555	844	52,359	69,871	212,901	12,112*

* Of this number 3,965 had herds of under 5 pigs, 2,012 herds of 5 and under 10 pigs, 2,526 herds of 10 and under 20 pigs, and 3,609 herds of 20 pigs and over.

VICTORIA—PIGS AND PIG-KEEPERS—MARCH 31st, 1951.

Districts and Counties.	Boars.	Breeding Sows.	All Other.	Total Pigs.	Pig-Owners. (1951).
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Central District—					
Bourke	163	1,446	12,703	14,312	204
Grant	119	704	4,108	4,931	316
Mornington	428	2,254	11,616	14,298	634
Evelyn	208	1,043	5,339	6,590	293
North-Central District—					
Anglesey	95	573	2,896	3,564	151
Dalhousie	35	156	1,270	1,461	84
Talbot	106	541	3,168	3,815	285
Western District—					
Grenville	82	470	4,169	4,721	170
Polwarth	221	1,383	7,294	8,898	386
Heytesbury	165	602	3,383	4,150	196
Hampden	74	378	2,578	3,030	106
Ripon	15	71	467	553	38
Villiers	35	178	1,188	1,401	83
Normanby	109	584	2,958	3,651	287
Dundas	35	168	989	1,192	93
Follett	13	28	191	232	19
Wimmera District—					
Lowan	84	217	1,275	1,576	309
Borong	122	549	3,243	3,914	455
Kara Kara	27	178	1,043	1,248	106
Mallee District—					
Millewa	16	41	136	193	27
Weeah	16	80	365	461	62
Karkaroo	80	355	2,308	2,743	200
Tatchera	138	835	5,724	6,697	348
Northern District—					
Gunbower	387	2,252	13,509	16,148	587
Gladstone	39	195	1,233	1,467	128
Bendigo	200	1,111	8,136	9,447	363
Rodney	467	2,751	16,630	19,848	800
Moir	313	2,000	10,847	13,160	607
North-Eastern District—					
Delatite	224	1,242	7,290	8,756	424
Bogong	412	2,659	14,914	17,985	704
Benambra	176	976	5,818	6,970	284
Wonnangatta	10	38	129	177	17
Gippsland District—					
Croajingolong	94	708	3,412	4,214	121
Tambo	81	409	2,151	2,641	141
Dargo	74	445	2,760	3,279	160
Tanjil	177	816	4,709	5,702	240
Buln Buln	907	4,526	28,269	33,702	1,523
Total for State ..	5,947	32,962	198,218	237,127	10,951*

* Of this number 3,153 had herds of under 5 pigs, 1,641 herds of 5 and under 10 pigs, 2,354 herds of 10 and under 20 pigs, and 3,803 herds of 20 pigs and over.

The following tabulation shows the number of dairy herds (in size groups) separated into those where pigs are held in conjunction therewith, and those where no pigs are held. The sizes of pig herds are also shown :—

VICTORIA—PIG-KEEPING IN CONJUNCTION WITH DAIRYING
AS AT MARCH, 1948.

Size of Dairy Cattle Herd.	Size of Pig Herd.								Holdings with Pigs.	Holdings with no Pigs.	Holdings with Dairy Cattle.
	Number. 1-4.	Number. 5-9.	Number. 10-14.	Number. 15-19.	Number. 20-29.	Number. 30-49.	Number. 50-99.	Number. 100 and over.			
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1-4 ..	786	119	90	56	56	49	39	35	1,230	15,103	16,333
5-9 ..	1,037	191	122	62	77	68	42	19	1,618	7,547	9,165
10-14 ..	628	126	114	26	64	39	30	11	1,038	3,409	4,447
15-19 ..	355	132	94	52	53	33	15	6	740	2,044	2,784
20-29 ..	506	270	182	102	115	66	20	9	1,270	2,677	3,947
30-49 ..	529	610	425	293	336	213	57	16	2,479	3,631	6,110
50-99 ..	333	499	575	483	769	770	324	49	3,802	4,527	8,329
100 and over	61	47	92	86	177	308	253	73	1,097	1,407	2,504
Totals ..	4,235	1,994	1,694	1,160	1,647	1,546	780	218	13,274	40,345	53,619

Sheep. The numbers of sheep in Victoria in various years since 1861 are shown in the table on page 100. Sheep are depastured in practically all districts of the State, but are relatively more numerous in the Wimmera, Western and Northern districts. The distribution of all live stock is shown in tables on pages 102 to 105.

Factors such as seasonal conditions, prices of wool, mutton, and lamb and, to a less degree, wheat, affect the number of sheep in the State in any given year. In an adverse season flocks may be reduced by mortality due to lack of fodder or water, by the increase in the slaughtering of fat stock or by the decrease in lambing. Decreased imports from other States is another factor. In addition to the seasonal movements of sheep from New South Wales and South Australia for agistment, there is a regular importation of sheep from those States for slaughtering purposes.

Lambing. Climatical conditions also play a large part in determining the proportion of lambs dropped to ewes mated, and thus the natural increase from season to season may vary considerably. The following table shows the numbers of ewes mated and lambs dropped, in each of the six years, 1945 to 1950 :—

VICTORIA—LAMBING, 1945 TO 1950.

Season.	Lambs Marked.	Ewes Mated to produce such Lambs.	Proportion of Lambs Marked to Ewes Mated.
	No.	No.	%
1945	3,503,096	7,116,912	49·2
1946	5,936,792	7,328,321	81·0
1947	6,939,854	8,243,066	84·2
1948	7,086,995	8,623,790	82·2
1949	6,995,650	8,558,079	81·7
1950	7,063,583	8,613,812	82·0

Flocks of Sheep in Districts. The following table contains a classification of the flocks of sheep in each district of Victoria as at March, 1948. Sheep travelling on roads or located in cities or towns are excluded. The classification discloses that, although the four groups with sheep under 500 comprise 63·28 per cent. of the owners, the number of sheep in those groups was only 21·44 per cent. of the total sheep in the State.

FLOCKS OF SHEEP IN

Size of Flock.	Total in Victoria.				Districts.			
	Flocks.		Sheep.		Central.		North-Central.	
	No.	Percentage to Total.	No.	Percentage to Total.	Flocks.	Sheep.	Flocks.	Sheep.
					No.	No.	No.	No.
Under 50	3,147	10.78	71,156	0.40	448	10,167	202	5,178
50 and under 100	2,106	7.22	153,219	0.86	274	20,968	209	14,923
100 .. 250	6,144	21.05	1,040,000	5.82	750	125,004	520	88,433
250 .. 500	7,069	24.23	2,568,710	14.37	702	252,439	635	231,130
500 .. 1,000	6,184	21.19	4,296,458	24.03	509	355,229	577	404,753
1,000 .. 2,000	3,150	10.79	4,277,266	23.93	259	355,453	259	355,465
2,000 .. 5,000	1,115	3.82	3,198,694	17.89	80	236,904	105	287,993
5,000 .. 10,000	207	0.71	1,387,366	7.76	12	78,434	12	81,236
10,000 .. 20,000	52	0.18	645,666	3.61	5	64,553	3	38,622
20,000 and over ..	9	0.03	238,127	1.33	..	..	..	..
Totals	29,183	100.00	17,876,662	100.00	3,039	1,499,151	2,522	1,507,733

Breeds of
Sheep
as at March,
1950.

Although the principal breed of sheep in the State is the "Merino," the percentage of pure Merino sheep, at the 31st March, 1950, was only 36 as compared with 75 in New South Wales. In 1947 the percentages were 32 in Victoria and 72 in New South Wales.

The method of collecting particulars of breeds was changed considerably in 1950 and, apart from Merinos, all comparison with breeds of previous years is nullified. Merino Comebacks were previously collected as a whole, irrespective of whether they were fine or course. The 1950 collection made provision for segregating those "finer than half-bred" while those not up to that standard were included with other crossbreeds.

Similarly, it cannot be determined if any increase in the numbers of other Pure Breeds (British and Australasian) has occurred as another very important change in method was the substitution of the category "Other Recognized Breeds" in place of the former category "Other Pure Breeds". Other Pure Breeds in 1947 numbered 1,407,349 whereas in 1950 Other Recognized Breeds numbered

VICTORIA AS AT MARCH, 1948.

Districts—continued.

Western.		Wimmera.		Mallee.		Northern.		North-Eastern.		Gippsland.	
Flocks.	Sheep.	Flocks.	Sheep.	Flocks.	Sheep.	Flocks.	Sheep.	Flocks.	Sheep.	Flocks.	Sheep.
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
818	17,033	286	8,117	108	2,814	326	7,735	460	9,630	499	10,482
374	27,320	335	24,471	144	10,564	341	24,779	202	14,029	227	16,165
759	123,278	1,060	182,699	735	127,135	1,369	233,210	501	84,348	450	75,893
855	316,801	1,164	432,575	939	336,768	1,724	619,148	611	222,187	439	157,662
1,229	886,174	1,016	689,506	581	382,945	1,282	885,199	612	432,320	378	260,332
961	1,315,420	464	632,706	140	180,274	524	700,848	312	424,114	231	312,986
490	1,456,109	180	500,750	32	83,744	98	277,631	65	179,459	65	176,104
130	876,260	25	173,183	3	22,322	10	68,958	7	41,069	8	45,904
36	449,696	5	58,734	..	..	2	22,601	1	11,460	..	..
7	192,825	..	..	1	21,602	1	23,700	..	..	..	..
5,659	5,660,916	4,535	2,702,741	2,683	1,168,168	5,677	2,863,809	2,771	1,418,616	2,297	1,055,528

4,451,686. Crossbreds, which numbered 6,923,603 in 1947 dropped to 5,758,669 in 1950 notwithstanding the inclusion of half-bred and courser Merino Comebacks.

Australasian breeds are the Polwarth and the Corriedale. The Polwarth is a Merino-Lincoln cross (approximately three-quarters Merino and one-quarter Lincoln). It was evolved to meet the conditions of light wool-growing localities found to be too wet and cold for the pure merino. The Corriedale was evolved by heavily culling the progeny of Lincoln rams and Merino ewes and by judicious mating over several years. The Corriedale is a dual purpose sheep, being favoured by many breeders both for lamb raising and for wool production.

Tables showing the breeds of sheep in Victoria and in Australia appear on page 120 of this issue of the *Year-Book*.

The following tables set out the numbers of rams, ewes, wethers and lambs depastured on rural holdings in each county of the State as at March, 1950, and 1951, also the numbers of ewes mated, classified according to whether the progeny is intended for wool or for fat lamb production. The breeds of rams are also shown.

Rams, Ewes,
&c., in
Counties at
March, 1950
and 1951.

VICTORIA—RAMS, EWES, ETC.; EWES MATED;
TRAVELLING SHEEP AND SHEEP

Statistical Districts and Counties.	Rams.	Ewes.		Wethers.	Lambs.	Total Sheep and Lambs.
		Breeding. (Mated and not mated.)	Other.			
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Central District—						
Bourke	8,066	295,256	29,174	147,820	96,173	576,489
Grant	8,690	380,031	42,970	231,024	168,456	831,171
Mornington ..	4,739	152,616	12,514	30,652	48,081	248,602
Evelyn	968	31,201	1,905	11,053	11,470	56,597
North-Central District—						
Anglesey	5,021	209,584	16,736	194,420	72,709	498,470
Dalhousie .. .	5,660	224,588	19,756	179,464	94,289	523,757
Talbot	8,975	304,615	20,380	116,666	139,245	589,881
Western District—						
Grenville	10,621	305,856	48,754	231,519	152,061	748,811
Polwarth	2,755	95,439	10,717	35,718	42,953	187,582
Heytesbury ..	1,174	47,918	1,430	5,494	12,208	68,224
Hampden	14,260	423,786	57,670	231,281	216,314	943,311
Ripon	11,585	386,539	82,878	316,735	196,954	994,691
Villiers	12,042	403,892	69,333	293,483	215,944	994,694
Normanby .. .	6,428	291,850	59,183	252,631	148,892	758,984
Dundas	9,535	392,571	87,680	349,922	181,963	1,021,671
Follett	2,907	102,413	16,140	114,259	46,935	282,654
Wimmera District—						
Lowan	13,374	515,971	86,965	468,251	257,632	1,342,193
Borong	10,546	404,848	43,881	238,452	180,765	878,492
Kara Kara .. .	8,586	265,806	37,598	164,820	134,751	611,561
Mallee District—						
Millewa	1,158	60,520	2,095	17,103	23,911	104,787
Weeah	1,466	78,555	1,498	22,054	22,206	125,779
Karkaroc .. .	6,653	323,636	5,488	63,367	99,996	499,140
Tatchera .. .	6,235	310,057	2,121	35,913	99,861	454,187
Northern District—						
Gunbower	5,583	232,777	8,100	36,791	87,626	370,877
Gladstone .. .	5,515	241,309	17,404	115,033	117,268	496,529
Bendigo	7,747	325,438	12,183	84,343	138,052	567,763
Rodney	10,347	377,200	14,426	74,088	170,997	647,058
Moira	16,604	703,727	18,192	138,722	236,209	1,113,454
North-Eastern District—						
Delatite	10,545	445,976	20,333	141,494	166,287	784,635
Bogong	6,019	240,751	11,966	66,203	72,694	397,633
Benambra .. .	2,925	123,817	8,239	69,588	57,025	266,594
Wonnangatta ..	433	22,166	3,707	15,675	10,584	52,565
Gippsland District—						
Croajlong .. .	442	20,302	3,524	13,004	11,701	48,973
Tambo	1,376	67,063	6,663	29,048	29,000	133,155
Dargo	838	46,621	6,715	31,530	24,379	110,083
Tanjil	3,494	185,150	14,545	104,182	76,663	384,034
Buln Buln .. .	4,955	204,125	12,873	131,749	92,260	445,962
Total	233,267	9,248,975	915,736	4,803,551	3,954,514	19,161,043

BREEDS OF RAMS IN EACH COUNTY (EXCLUSIVE OF
IN TOWNS) AS AT MARCH, 1950.

Ewes Mated (for Lambing during Season 1950).		Breeds of Rams (as at March, 1950).						
To Merino, Corriedale or Polwarth Rams (Wool Production).	To Rams of British Breeds (Fat-lamb Production).	Merino.	Corriedale.	Polwarth.	Border Leicester.	Dorset Horn.	South-down.	Other.
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
63,008	222,791	385	1,198	257	868	2,828	1,270	1,260
203,979	143,170	2,338	2,005	724	1,005	1,731	321	566
10,279	133,332	40	924	18	380	583	1,709	1,085
7,837	21,924	30	124	132	121	86	132	343
97,914	95,823	1,482	874	140	136	556	1,423	410
94,085	114,437	1,600	836	138	850	1,224	596	416
151,729	136,467	3,355	1,949	130	1,498	1,027	180	836
210,503	58,700	6,854	1,226	891	410	532	212	496
39,893	46,561	11	330	1,291	171	127	307	518
2,158	43,743	31	22	44	72	72	720	285
298,619	80,001	5,165	3,740	2,989	219	495	543	1,109
298,922	36,346	9,147	1,163	296	287	375	84	233
287,253	64,011	5,915	2,838	1,747	281	288	194	779
194,884	57,443	2,088	2,257	448	293	354	154	834
282,258	54,127	5,143	2,506	347	241	482	110	706
44,441	48,794	505	664	25	302	301	164	946
377,921	87,920	9,132	1,768	126	317	843	185	1,003
214,701	162,967	4,544	1,545	102	1,711	1,448	137	1,059
156,311	91,395	5,323	539	448	1,458	678	16	124
36,420	21,170	635	163	13	129	171	1	46
30,616	45,380	243	411	22	339	320	49	82
54,742	265,273	279	820	43	3,525	1,699	16	271
42,512	265,279	241	515	20	4,107	875	115	362
64,102	163,385	1,005	573	81	1,511	1,556	251	606
135,279	93,386	2,572	879	29	1,405	297	85	248
99,948	218,430	1,717	929	33	3,156	1,386	133	393
74,018	290,337	840	1,917	53	2,894	2,754	1,023	866
122,959	568,909	844	1,971	112	4,128	4,084	4,439	1,026
167,056	260,952	1,584	1,872	248	1,888	841	1,988	2,124
68,433	164,368	713	788	158	2,447	523	712	678
65,409	56,067	874	432	110	315	472	228	494
12,952	7,311	96	110	78	27	6	22	94
8,501	8,673	224	34	3	71	4	..	106
46,216	17,024	519	414	68	74	53	29	219
26,018	15,749	308	186	10	67	50	32	185
92,849	75,448	1,380	453	164	149	694	94	560
54,204	139,170	653	660	10	697	1,137	691	1,107
4,237,549	4,376,263	77,784	39,644	11,526	37,521	30,952	18,365	22,475

VICTORIA—RAMS, EWES, ETC.; EWES MATED; TRAVELLING SHEEP AND SHEEP

Statistical Districts and Counties.	Rams.	Ewes.		Wethers.	Lambs.	Total Sheep and Lambs.
		Breeding. (Mated and not mated.)	Other.			
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Central District—						
Bourke	7,458	283,906	21,455	157,001	114,365	584,185
Grant	9,372	393,436	40,627	215,875	193,419	852,729
Mornington	4,636	159,269	8,603	24,451	66,005	262,964
Evelyn	1,098	34,052	1,761	9,960	15,756	62,627
North-Central District—						
Anglesey	4,981	202,962	15,917	207,227	79,384	510,471
Dalhousie	5,361	224,522	20,463	202,469	90,953	543,768
Talbot	8,631	304,708	17,325	120,909	156,824	608,397
Western District—						
Grenville	11,641	319,091	46,720	247,075	157,379	781,906
Polwarth	2,971	95,133	8,623	38,160	46,214	191,101
Heytesbury	1,368	50,925	1,903	4,120	13,697	72,013
Hampden	15,107	444,694	56,811	244,340	212,260	973,212
Ripon	13,061	403,419	79,713	349,047	203,422	1,048,662
Villiers	10,819	398,792	67,025	288,567	189,232	954,435
Normanby	6,423	271,083	51,083	234,506	132,013	695,058
Dundas	8,766	371,322	76,609	345,111	149,343	951,151
Follett	2,652	92,138	8,411	113,091	41,823	258,115
Wimmera District—						
Lowan	12,906	537,600	85,171	482,127	248,051	1,365,855
Borong	10,624	437,146	41,067	268,188	216,015	973,040
Kara Kara	8,355	289,146	36,397	210,299	146,196	690,393
Mallee District—						
Millewa	1,298	62,641	4,632	18,032	30,660	117,263
Weeah	1,410	76,167	1,924	26,025	30,457	135,983
Karkaroc	6,232	304,486	3,832	65,012	134,555	514,117
Tatchera	6,267	331,287	3,165	46,267	148,839	535,825
Northern District—						
Gunbower	6,155	255,468	4,236	51,747	100,927	418,533
Gladstone	5,607	259,262	21,363	125,387	138,597	550,216
Bendigo	7,733	337,498	11,674	107,279	173,695	637,879
Rodney	9,947	386,817	12,731	88,004	190,871	688,370
Moir	17,245	736,076	18,492	182,333	298,413	1,252,559
North-Eastern District—						
Delatite	10,556	456,438	18,939	158,745	199,742	844,420
Bogong	6,129	248,530	10,355	73,967	97,798	436,779
Benambra	2,974	135,626	7,856	80,765	62,951	290,172
Wonnangatta	515	24,419	2,360	17,409	12,138	56,841
Gippsland District—						
Croajingolong	374	18,449	5,961	15,799	9,797	50,380
Tambo	1,439	68,552	4,254	29,996	34,517	138,758
Dargo	972	50,378	4,189	33,145	26,348	115,032
Tanjil	3,699	179,760	20,595	95,798	93,038	392,890
Buln Buln	5,361	218,626	11,333	116,814	103,700	455,834
Total	240,143	9,463,774	853,575	5,095,047	4,359,394	20,011,933

BREEDS OF RAMS IN EACH COUNTY (EXCLUSIVE OF IN TOWNS) AS AT MARCH, 1951.

Ewes Mated (for Lambing during Season 1951).		Breeds of Rams (as at March, 1951).						
To Merino, Corriedale or Polwarth Rams (<i>Wool Production</i>).	To Rams of British Breeds (<i>Fat-lamb Production</i>).	Merino.	Corriedale.	Polwarth.	Border Leicester.	Dorset Horn.	South-down.	Other.
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
61,353	213,348	266	1,107	263	707	2,826	1,279	1,010
225,245	141,115	2,419	2,721	882	959	1,776	134	481
15,930	140,404	93	706	37	360	744	1,615	1,081
9,647	22,852	53	182	105	164	114	158	322
102,388	86,213	1,557	950	190	120	583	1,210	371
102,928	108,958	1,785	695	110	699	1,234	546	292
164,826	124,716	3,177	2,106	103	1,266	1,138	136	705
224,882	59,647	7,510	1,486	1,270	300	592	175	308
43,758	42,921	36	389	1,387	212	128	292	527
3,373	47,289	8	73	22	25	129	877	234
324,677	82,074	6,339	3,403	3,043	168	609	451	1,094
320,424	37,220	11,147	714	262	208	432	80	218
303,521	47,754	5,563	2,480	1,631	195	220	196	534
199,964	42,842	2,499	2,088	459	145	337	156	739
282,811	38,498	5,090	2,146	320	255	366	64	525
48,897	36,971	538	626	88	330	352	168	550
414,812	71,574	9,199	1,701	127	238	792	107	742
252,542	160,569	5,074	1,584	79	1,635	1,416	169	667
178,610	92,065	5,258	660	230	1,388	644	22	153
44,739	14,904	885	156	10	92	112	1	42
39,922	35,797	317	386	32	300	277	40	58
60,611	241,400	423	843	27	3,079	1,559	12	289
57,323	270,935	499	534	13	3,827	939	103	352
84,182	166,661	1,374	838	61	1,548	1,541	209	584
159,162	90,348	2,990	719	40	1,302	360	34	162
118,795	211,590	1,791	1,081	76	2,854	1,453	105	373
82,577	296,342	812	1,505	41	2,920	2,809	932	898
164,128	558,752	1,069	2,779	111	4,063	4,425	3,638	1,160
192,019	249,183	1,946	1,968	291	1,853	1,070	1,737	1,691
75,306	165,601	798	767	161	2,677	524	661	541
70,661	57,168	975	447	87	300	486	251	428
16,834	5,855	110	110	115	28	38	11	103
8,959	7,128	179	30	..	55	11	1	98
43,273	18,675	603	333	88	115	24	43	233
29,119	16,571	349	208	14	121	68	34	178
96,398	68,698	1,382	512	166	146	881	125	487
66,262	145,053	693	869	21	650	1,219	849	1,060
4,690,853	4,217,691	84,806	39,902	11,962	35,304	32,228	16,651	19,290

AUSTRALIA—BREEDS OF SHEEP—31st MARCH, 1950.

Breed.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	A.C.T. and Northern Territory.	Australia.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Merino ..	40,017,801	6,870,411	17,326,470	7,717,943	9,666,603	284,574	250,270	82,134,072
Other Recognized Breeds	3,376,639	4,451,686	71,430	692,739	496,647	875,896	12,634	9,977,671
Merino Comeback (Finer than Half-Bred)	3,441,671	2,080,277	54,606	167,390	139,864	326,847	7,616	6,218,271
Crossbred (including Half-Bred and Corser Comebacks)	6,461,889	5,758,669	129,646	898,954	620,053	683,012	8,751	14,560,974
Total ..	53,298,000	19,161,043	17,582,152	9,477,026	10,923,167	2,170,329	279,271	112,890,988

VICTORIA—BREEDS OF SHEEP—31st MARCH, 1950.

Breed.	Central District.	North-Central District.	Western District.	Wimmera District.	Mallee District.	Northern District.	North-East District.	Gippsland District.	State.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Merino ..	275,676	563,388	2,587,458	1,979,690	326,217	596,056	302,720	239,206	6,870,411
Other Recognized Breeds	503,508	357,466	2,129,065	339,816	142,754	447,789	334,762	196,526	4,451,686
Merino Comeback (Finer than Half-Bred)	195,881	211,879	502,263	125,545	219,105	376,994	171,100	274,510	2,080,277
Crossbred (including Half-Bred and Coarser Comebacks)	737,794	479,375	781,836	387,195	495,817	1,771,842	692,845	411,965	5,758,669

Statistics of wool production are obtained direct from the growers, from fellmongeries and, in respect of wool exported on skins, from the Customs Department.

VICTORIA—SHEEP AND LAMBS SHORN (IN DISTRICTS), SEASON 1949-50.

Statistical District.	Shorn.		Wool Clipped (including Crutchings).		Average.	
	Sheep.	Lambs.	Sheep's.	Lambs'.	Per Sheep.	Per Lamb.
	No.	No.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.
Central ..	1,450,698	373,119	13,733,853	1,041,637	9.47	2.79
North-Central ..	1,548,175	358,127	14,146,256	907,691	9.14	2.53
Western ..	5,775,680	1,421,591	52,188,043	3,454,448	9.04	2.43
Wimmera ..	2,843,142	701,890	27,995,335	1,869,960	9.85	2.66
Mallee ..	1,090,923	266,930	10,671,702	743,240	9.78	2.78
Northern ..	2,868,496	858,869	27,268,137	2,394,319	9.51	2.79
North-Eastern ..	1,410,996	374,830	12,449,459	918,356	8.82	2.45
Gippsland ..	996,893	292,977	8,975,038	722,269	9.01	2.47
State Total ..	17,985,003	4,648,333	167,427,823	12,051,920	9.31	2.59

VICTORIA—SHEEP AND LAMBS SHORN (IN DISTRICTS), SEASON 1950-51.

Statistical District.	Shorn.		Wool Clipped (including Crutchings).		Average.	
	Sheep.	Lambs.	Sheep's.	Lambs'.	Per Sheep.	Per Lamb.
	No.	No.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.
Central	1,448,407	424,656	13,937,188	1,226,303	9·62	2·89
North-Central	1,568,625	381,347	14,937,685	1,002,675	9·52	2·63
Western	5,582,230	1,314,167	51,511,119	3,358,306	9·23	2·56
Wimmera	2,825,057	714,106	28,878,639	2,074,923	10·22	2·91
Mallee	1,153,380	380,687	11,878,157	1,100,314	10·30	2·89
Northern	3,008,831	1,038,620	29,774,046	3,036,469	9·90	2·92
North-Eastern	1,457,396	468,069	13,831,318	1,257,175	9·49	2·69
Gippsland	995,103	333,078	9,174,315	860,835	9·22	2·58
State Total	18,039,029	5,054,730	173,922,467	13,917,000	9·64	2·75

VICTORIA—SHEEP SHORN AND WOOL CLIPPED.

Season.	Shorn.		Wool Clipped (including Crutchings).		Average.	
	Sheep.	Lambs.	Sheep's.	Lambs'.	Per Sheep.	Per Lamb.
	No.	No.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.
1945-46	13,826,939	2,543,969	103,669,755	5,566,385	7·50	2·19
1946-47	14,033,081	4,130,818	139,885,117	10,922,452	9·97	2·64
1947-48	15,551,760	4,738,590	145,027,116	12,839,634	9·33	2·71
1948-49	16,922,401	5,322,921	150,591,169	14,601,259	8·90	2·74
1949-50	17,985,003	4,648,333	167,427,823	12,051,920	9·31	2·59
1950-51	18,039,029	5,054,730	173,922,467	13,917,000	9·64	2·75

VICTORIA—WOOL PRODUCTION AND VALUE.

Season.	Clip.	Stripped from and Exported on Skins, &c. (Greasy).	Total Quantity. (Greasy).	Gross Value.	Average Price per lb.
	lb.	lb.	lb.	£	d.
1944-45	142,615,657	34,527,400	177,143,057	11,856,369	16·06
1945-46	109,236,140	43,161,367	152,397,507	9,527,048	15·00
1946-47	150,807,569	46,268,669	197,076,238	18,708,593	22·78
1947-48	157,866,750	33,137,130	191,003,880	29,851,792	37·51
1948-49	165,192,428	30,212,458	195,404,886	37,105,206	45·57
1949-50	179,479,743	37,159,564	216,639,307	55,033,279	60·97

The annual collection of statistics is carefully and efficiently carried out by the police. It is realized, however, that the wool clip as recorded is not likely to cover the whole clip, which was shorn some months prior to the collection. After investigation, and examination of the results of investigations elsewhere, it is considered that the quantity not recorded does not exceed 5 per cent. of the Victorian clip.

There is some uncertainty also associated with skin wool. Allowance is made for skins from other States which are exported from Victoria, so that they are not included in Victorian production. The Victorian figures do, however, include skin wool from all sheep and lambs slaughtered in Victoria, even though some of such sheep were brought over from other States for slaughter.

Economic Wool Research. A Wool Section of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, whose activities are mentioned on page 60 of this issue of the *Year-Book*, has been developed in order to discharge the Bureau's responsibility for economic wool research under the *Wool Use Promotion Act* of 1945 and is financed from the Wool Research Trust Account. Briefly, under this Act, the proceeds from the wool tax of 2s. per bale are paid into the Wool Use Promotion Fund, which is available to the Wool Board for promoting the use of wool throughout the world. The Commonwealth Government pays a similar amount from Consolidated Revenue into the Wool Research Trust Account to be used in scientific, economic, and cost research and in the co-ordination and application of the results of such research. The C.S.I.R. is responsible for biological and textile research and the Bureau of Agricultural Economics for economic research. The two organizations work in co-operation in their wool research programme.

The work of the Wool Section falls into two main categories—Farm Production economics (dealing with the economics of wool growing and sheep station management) and Marketing economics (dealing with the economic aspects of wool marketing both within Australia and overseas).

Marketing of Wool. The long established system of marketing wool by public auctions re-commenced in 1946-47. During the seasons 1939-40 to 1945-46 clip values were established on appraisement methods under an agreement between the British and the Australian Governments.

Upon the resumption of open auction sales an insatiable world-wide demand for wool, particularly in respect of the finer descriptions, was responsible for creating the most remarkable range of values in wool trade history and demonstrated the fact that the world's supply of the finer descriptions of the staple is considerably short of trade requirements. The results achieved were not secured on any promise of lessened production, but in the face of normal full-clip figures, plus heavy offerings of old wool, the legacy of war-time appraisement.

The highest prices obtained for greasy merino fleece wool sold in Victoria and in Australia during each season from 1927-28 to 1950-51 are shown hereunder. Average weighted prices for wool of Victorian production appear on page 87 of this issue of the *Year-Book*:—

Season.	Victoria.	Australia.	Season.	Victoria.	Australia.
	d.	d.		d.	d.
1927-28 ..	44 $\frac{3}{4}$	45 $\frac{1}{2}$	1939-40 ..	31	33 $\frac{1}{4}$
1928-29 ..	47	47	1940-41 ..	33 $\frac{1}{4}$	33 $\frac{1}{4}$
1929-30 ..	37 $\frac{1}{4}$	37 $\frac{1}{4}$	1941-42 ..	33 $\frac{1}{2}$	34 $\frac{1}{2}$
1930-31 ..	31 $\frac{1}{4}$	31 $\frac{1}{4}$	1942-43 ..	39	39 $\frac{1}{2}$
1931-32 ..	38 $\frac{1}{4}$	38 $\frac{1}{4}$	1943-44 ..	40 $\frac{3}{4}$	40 $\frac{3}{4}$
1932-33 ..	22 $\frac{1}{2}$	28 $\frac{1}{2}$	1944-45 ..	39	40 $\frac{3}{4}$
1933-34 ..	36 $\frac{1}{4}$	42	1945-46 ..	41 $\frac{1}{4}$	41 $\frac{1}{4}$
1934-35 ..	22 $\frac{1}{4}$	24 $\frac{1}{2}$	1946-47 ..	121 $\frac{1}{2}$	153
1935-36 ..	29 $\frac{1}{4}$	35 $\frac{1}{2}$	1947-48 ..	135	138 $\frac{1}{2}$
1936-37 ..	36 $\frac{1}{4}$	46 $\frac{3}{4}$	1948-49 ..	181	210
1937-38 ..	33 $\frac{1}{2}$	33 $\frac{1}{2}$	1949-50 ..	183	188
1938-39 ..	26 $\frac{1}{4}$	28	1950-51 ..	351	354 $\frac{1}{4}$

The following information as to the average prices of wool per lb. which have prevailed during the last three seasons has been obtained from Victorian wool brokers. These prices are for wool auctioned in Victoria. Wool from the Riverina and the south-east of South Australia is included in Victorian sales.

PRICES OF WOOL IN VICTORIA, 1948-49 TO 1950-51.

Class of Wool.	Average Price per lb. in—		
	1948-49.	1949-50.	1950-51.
GREASY MERINO.			
	Pence.	Pence.	Pence.
Extra Super (Western District) ..	130 to 181	140 to 183	205 to 351
Super	110 to 129	120 to 139	198 to 290
Good	90 to 109	100 to 119	180 to 235
Average	46 to 86	72 to 96	140 to 210
Wasty and Inferior	25 to 45	46 to 66	115 to 170
Extra Super Lambs	85 to 110	150 to 202	192 to 427
Super Lambs	74 to 84	90 to 100	134 to 361
Good Lambs	40 to 73	56 to 80	100 to 220
Average Lambs	20 to 35	36 to 50	80 to 160
Inferior Lambs	15 to 19	25 to 35	50 to 150
GREASY CROSSBRED.			
Extra Super Comebacks	90 to 110	110 to 140	170 to 303
Super Comebacks	70 to 89	80 to 108	160 to 280
Fine Crossbred	40 to 68	66 to 90	150 to 270
Medium Crossbred	25 to 50	50 to 65	120 to 220
Coarse Crossbred and Lincoln	20 to 44	40 to 55	80 to 160
Super Fine Crossbred Lambs	40 to 54	60 to 80	120 to 250
Good Crossbred Lambs	24 to 38	38 to 56	100 to 220
Coarse and Lincoln Lambs	21 to 34	28 to 46	90 to 190
SCOURED.			
Extra Super Fleece	100 to 114	130 to 160	222 to 350
Super Fleece	90 to 100	100 to 120	200 to 280
Good Fleece	80 to 90	90 to 100	170 to 250
Average Fleece	60 to 79	78 to 88	150 to 200
RECORD PRICES FOR THE SEASON.			
Greasy Merino Fleece	181	183	351
„ Comeback Fleece	110	143½	303
„ Merino Lambs	111½	202	427
„ Comeback Lambs	86	126	270
Scoured Fleece	114	185	350

In the subjoined table will be found a statement of the average prices of live stock ruling in metropolitan saleyards at Newmarket during the five years 1945-46 to 1949-50. The averages stated are the mean of the monthly prices

Prices of
Live Stock.

realized. Prices of live stock vary each year under the influence of seasonal conditions, prices of wool, &c. During periods of dry weather, stock are hastened to market and consequently prices decline but, with the advent of relief rains, stock are withheld for fattening, breeding, &c., and prices rise : —

VICTORIA—PRICES OF LIVE STOCK, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

Stock.	1945-46. Average.	1946-47. Average.	1947-48. Average.	1948-49. Average.	1949-50. Average.
<i>Fat Cattle.</i>	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Bullocks—					
Extra prime	25 19 4	24 9 8	28 1 9	32 8 9	35 18 1
Prime	23 14 5	23 7 6	25 18 1	20 15 9	33 1 8
Good	21 8 6	20 19 9	23 12 10	27 0 5	30 1 0
Good light and handy weights	18 4 3	18 5 11	20 19 3	23 16 2	26 16 0
Second	15 5 3	14 17 7	Not available	Not available	Not available
Cows—					
Best	16 17 9	17 1 2	17 11 6	19 9 3	21 12 0
Others	10 4 3	9 17 1	11 10 10	12 16 5	17 17 6
<i>Dairy Cattle</i>					
Milkers (best)	23 4 4	22 3 6	24 5 0	23 19 1	24 19 3
Springers (best)	18 5 8	17 1 10	19 5 9	19 2 11	20 8 2
<i>Fat Sheep.</i>					
Crossbred Wethers—					
Extra prime	2 2 9	2 5 11	2 14 3	2 11 10	3 0 9
Prime	1 19 1	2 0 8	2 8 3	2 6 2	2 12 8
Good	1 14 7	1 15 3	2 1 11	2 0 4	2 4 0
Crossbred Ewes—					
Extra prime	1 11 11	1 13 11	2 1 0	1 16 4	2 4 4
Prime	1 8 0	1 8 6	1 15 2	1 10 7	1 16 3
Good	1 2 8	1 1 3	1 5 6	1 1 11	1 4 9
Merino Wethers—					
Extra prime	1 16 11	2 0 1	2 6 7	} Not available	} Not available
Prime	1 13 8	1 16 5	2 2 2		
Good	1 8 7	1 8 6	Not available		
<i>Fat Lambs.</i>					
Extra prime	1 19 11	2 5 0	2 11 5	2 9 3	3 1 0
Prime	1 15 6	1 19 1	2 4 9	2 3 2	2 12 5
Good	1 11 1	1 13 6	1 17 0	1 15 1	2 2 3
<i>Pigs.</i>					
Back Fattens—					
Extra heavy prime	14 16 3	16 14 2	19 11 6	19 2 8	26 11 1
Prime medium and weighty	12 7 3	13 8 5	15 7 5	15 1 4	20 16 6
Baconers—					
Medium and heavy	6 13 5	7 9 6	8 12 5	9 19 8	12 13 11
Light	5 9 0	6 1 2	7 0 5	8 1 3	10 4 10
Porkers	4 8 5	4 18 0	5 6 11	5 14 5	7 10 1

Stock Slaughtered. The following table shows the number of slaughtering establishments and of the stock slaughtered in the State during each of the five years, 1946-50 :—

VICTORIA—STOCK SLAUGHTERED, 1946 TO 1950.

Kind of Stock.	Stock Slaughtered in Establishments and on Farms and Stations.				
	Year Ended June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.*
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Sheep	2,861,651	2,896,162	2,642,377	3,223,509	4,059,490
Lambs	2,195,031	3,409,202	3,599,560	3,468,126	4,315,223
Bullocks	122,864	160,023	179,604	194,897	567,940
Cows	176,326	205,012	227,070	253,118	
Young cattle	43,418	48,162	55,914	79,185	
Calves	230,844	265,373	285,804	322,833	333,161
Pigs	316,300	359,346	377,366	375,825	299,753
Number of Slaughterhouses ..	521	500	509	477	449

* Average dressed weights per carcass during 1949-50 were; Sheep 43·76 lb.; Lambs 34·64 lb.; Bullocks, Cows and Young Cattle 454·26 lb.; Calves 63·19 lb.; Pigs 155·79 lb.

Frozen Mutton and Lamb Exported. The importance of the mutton and lamb export trade to sheep owners is indicated by the export figures for the years 1944 to 1951 as shown in the statement hereunder :—

FROZEN MUTTON AND LAMB EXPORTED FROM VICTORIAN PORTS.

(Exports from all Australian ports are shown in parentheses.)

Year Ended 30th June.	Carcasses Exported (exclusive of certain service requirements consumed outside Australia).			
	Mutton.		Lamb.	
	Number.	Average Weight.	Number.	Average Weight.
		lb.		lb.
1944	287,331 (609,767)	43 (43)	2,382,018 (4,162,862)	32 (32)
1945	353,557 (728,514)	41 (41)	2,004,964 (3,480,887)	31 (31)
1946	127,579 (322,354)	44 (42)	561,578 (1,197,419)	34 (34)
1947	623,151 (1,063,095)	53 (49)	1,948,097 (2,801,618)	39 (38)
1948	283,934 (483,151)	50 (48)	1,628,867 (2,544,966)	38 (38)
1949	258,110 (567,115)	49 (48)	1,154,564 (2,281,531)	38 (37)
1950	881,724 (1,313,086)	54 (53)	2,217,789 (3,331,843)	37 (37)
1951	58,770	53	710,575	38

Cattle. Cattle-raising has always been one of the more important primary industries in this State, despite the gradual increase in the areas devoted to dairy farming, sheep-raising, and cultivation. This has been due mainly to the considerable improvement in methods of pasture management, including the practice of top-dressing. Vigilant inspection of stock and the rigid quarantine of stock imported from overseas have kept herds in Victoria free from many forms of contagious diseases and animal pests with which stock in other countries are afflicted. The numbers of live stock in each county of the State will be found on pages 102 to 105 of this issue.

Silage. Ensilage, an economical and safe method of conserving fodder in a succulent form, is relished by stock during dry periods. Expensive precautions against damage by fire, rodents and stock, required for other fodders, are not necessary in the case of silage.

The following table gives particulars of the silage made in Victoria during the seasons 1946-47 to 1950-51 :—

SILAGE IN VICTORIA, 1946-47 TO 1950-51.

Season ended March.	Farms on which Silage Made.	Silage Made.	Districts in which Made.							
			Central.	North Central.	Western.	Wimmera.	Mallee.	Northern.	North Eastern.	Gippsland
	No.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1947	504	24,644	7,190	899	1,766	526	72	496	3,774	9,921
1948	449	21,873	6,072	654	1,897	274	135	1,286	5,244	6,311
1949	443	20,945	6,102	642	2,267	250	20	658	2,261	8,745
1950	596	25,687	6,523	826	1,704	604	614	1,248	2,873	11,295
1951	590	26,105	6,481	576	2,191	932	354	1,990	2,985	10,596

Apiculture. Prior to the season 1936, the statistics of honey and beeswax were based on returns received from apiarists who were permanent occupiers of holdings of one acre and upwards. As a consequence, production was understated because of the exclusion of (a) hives on areas of less than one acre, and (b) travelling beekeepers who were not occupiers of rural holdings. Commencing with the season 1935-36, all beekeepers have been required to furnish returns. Particulars relating to apiculture for the five years 1947-51 are given in the following table :—

**VICTORIA—BEE-HIVES, HONEY, AND BEESWAX, 1946-47
TO 1950-51.**

Season Ended May—	Bee-keepers.*	Hives.	Production.		Gross Value.	
			Honey.	Beeswax.	Honey.	Beeswax.
	No.	No.	lb.	lb.	£	£
1947	1,600	95,195	9,031,407	95,524	282,231	11,941
1948	1,603	108,896	6,934,219	70,851	216,694	8,856
1949	1,628	117,560	8,729,527	90,778	272,799	11,347
1950	1,584	114,676	7,743,866	78,124	258,129	11,719
1951	1,562	115,976	8,087,654	90,605	286,438	27,182

* Apiarists with 20 hives and over numbered 838 in 1947, 919 in 1948, 928 in 1949, 950 in 1950 and 943 in 1951.

Poultry Census. A table showing the number of poultry owners and of poultry in Victoria, as at the date of the Census in each of the years 1881, 1891, 1901, 1911, and 1933 was published on page 488 of the 1938-39 issue of the *Year-Book*.

Establishment of Marketing Boards. A summary of the principal legislative provisions of the *Marketing of Primary Products Act* 1935 was published on pages 446 to 448 of the *Victorian Year-Book* for 1934-35.

Pursuant to such Act, Marketing Boards have been constituted for onions, chicory, maize, eggs and egg pulp, and potatoes. The Potato Marketing Board was constituted on 17th November, 1948.

**Wholesale
Prices of
Principal
Products.**

The following table gives the monthly average of the Melbourne wholesale prices of the principal agricultural, dairying, and pastoral food products for the year ended June, 1950 :—

MELBOURNE—WHOLESALE PRICES—YEAR ENDED JUNE, 1950.

	1949.						1950.					
	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April.	May.	June.
Agriculture—												
Wheat .. per bushel	s. d. 6 8	s. d. 6 8	s. d. 6 8	s. d. 6 8	s. d. 6 8	s. d. 6 8	s. d. 6 8	s. d. 6 8	s. d. 6 8	s. d. 6 8	s. d. 6 8	s. d. 6 8
Barley—												
English .. "	7 3½	7 3½	7 3½	7 3½	7 3½	7 3½	7 3½	7 3½	7 3½	7 3½	7 3½	7 3½
Cape .. "	6 6½	6 6½	6 6½	6 6½	6 6½	6 6½	6 6½	6 6½	6 6½	6 6½	6 6½	6 6½
Oats, Milling .. "	5 10½	6 0	6 3	6 3½	6 2	6 4	6 4½	6 7	6 11	6 11	6 11	6 10
Maize .. "	10 5	11 3	11 3	11 9	11 9	11 9	11 9	11 9	11 9	10 9	10 9	12 0
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Bran .. per ton	11 5 0	11 5 0	11 1 6	11 1 6	11 1 6	11 1 6	11 1 6	11 1 6	11 1 6	11 1 6	11 1 6	11 3 7½
Pollard .. "	11 5 0	11 5 0	11 1 6	11 1 6	11 1 6	11 1 6	11 1 6	11 1 6	11 1 6	11 1 6	11 1 6	11 3 7½
Flour (first quality) .. "	17 11 9	17 11 9	17 8 5	17 8 5	17 8 5	17 8 5	17 8 5	17 8 5	17 8 5	17 8 5	17 8 5	17 11 2½
Chaff .. "	10 15 0	10 15 0	11 0 0	11 15 0	11 15 0	11 12 6	11 10 0	11 10 0	11 7 6	11 10 0	11 10 0	11 10 0
Potatoes .. "	20 12 6	21 2 6	21 2 6	21 2 6	26 2 6	26 2 6	22 10 0	22 10 0	21 0 0	21 0 0	19 0 0	19 0 0
Onions .. "	11 12 6	11 12 6	11 12 6	11 12 6	11 12 6	11 12 6	21 17 6	21 17 6	21 17 6	21 17 6	21 17 6	21 17 6
Dairy and Farmyard Produce—												
Butter .. per lb.	s. d. 1 11½	s. d. 1 11½	s. d. 1 11½	s. d. 1 11½	s. d. 1 11½	s. d. 1 11½	s. d. 1 11½	s. d. 1 11½	s. d. 1 11½	s. d. 1 11½	s. d. 1 11½	s. d. 1 11½
Bacon .. "	1 10	1 10	1 11	1 11	2 0	2 2	2 2	2 2	2 2	2 2	2 2	2 2
Ham .. "	2 4	2 4	2 4	2 4	2 5½	2 9	2 9	2 9	2 9	2 9	2 9	2 9
Cheese (matured) .. "	1 5½	1 5½	1 5½	1 5½	1 6	1 7	1 7	1 7	1 7	1 7	1 7	1 7
Honey .. "	0 7½	0 7½	0 7½	0 7½	0 7½	0 7½	0 7½	0 7½	0 7½	0 7½	0 7½	0 7½
Eggs .. per doz.	2 6	2 5	2 5	2 5	2 5	2 6	2 6	2 7½	2 11½	3 1	3 2½	3 3
Butchers' Meat—												
Beef, prime .. per 100 lb.	£ s. d. 3 7 2½	£ s. d. 3 7 2½	£ s. d. 3 7 2½	£ s. d. 3 7 2½	£ s. d. 3 7 2½	£ s. d. 3 17 4½	£ s. d. 3 12 4½	£ s. d. 3 12 4½	£ s. d. 3 12 4½	£ s. d. 4 18 3	£ s. d. 4 11 10½	£ s. d. 4 15 10½
	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Mutton .. per lb.	6·05	6·49	6·49	6·49	6·49	6·49	6·49	6·49	6·49	10·49	10·49	10·49
Veal .. "	7·01	7·01	7·01	6·62	7·00	7·37	7·00	7·00	8·75	8·75	8·75	8·75
Pork .. "	17·50	19·50	20·00	21·58	22·00	23·50	20·25	20·50	21·50	21·00	21·25	21·25
Lamb .. "	10·55	11·81	11·81	12·50	12·50	12·50	13·25	14·50	16·00	17·75	14·50	17·50

Land Settlement, &c.

The following table gives the monthly average of the Melbourne wholesale prices of the principal agricultural, dairying, and pastoral food products for the year ended June, 1951 :—

MELBOURNE—WHOLESALE PRICES—YEAR ENDED JUNE, 1951.

	1950.						1951.					
	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April.	May.	June.
Agriculture—												
Wheat .. per bushel	s. d. 6 8	s. d. 6 8	s. d. 6 8	s. d. 6 8	s. d. 6 8	s. d. 7 10	s. d. 7 10	d. s. 7 10	s. d. 7 10	s. d. 7 10	s. d. 7 10	s. d. 7 10
Barley—												
English .. "	7 3½	7 3½	7 3½	7 3½	7 3½	7 3½	7 8	7 8	7 8	7 8	7 8	7 8
Cape .. "	6 6½	6 6½	6 6½	6 6½	6 6½	6 6½	7 4½	7 4½	7 4½	7 4½	7 4½	7 4½
Oats, Milling .. "	6 10	6 9	7 0	7 3	7 1	7 2	8 1½	8 7	9 6	10 6	10 11	11 0
Maize .. "	12 0	13 0	12 6	13 9	13 9	13 9	13 9	13 9	13 9	13 9	17 3	21 9
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Bran .. per ton	11 6 6	11 6 6	11 6 6	11 6 6	11 6 6	12 5 11	12 17 0	12 17 0	12 17 0	12 17 0	12 17 0	12 17 0
Pollard .. "	11 6 6	11 6 6	11 6 6	11 6 6	11 6 6	12 5 11	12 17 0	12 17 0	12 17 0	12 17 0	12 17 0	12 17 0
Flour (first quality) .. "	17 15 1	17 15 1	17 15 1	17 15 1	17 15 1	19 8 4	20 7 4	20 7 4	20 7 4	20 7 4	20 7 4	20 7 4
Chaff .. "	12 0 0	12 0 0	12 0 0	12 15 0	13 0 0	13 15 0	13 15 0	14 0 0	15 5 0	17 10 0	18 10 0	20 0 0
Potatoes .. "	22 0 0	22 0 0	25 0 0	27 0 0	28 10 0	25 0 0	25 0 0	24 0 0	24 0 0	28 0 0	28 0 0	28 0 0
Onions .. "	21 17 6	21 17 6	21 17 6	21 17 6	21 17 6	21 17 6	33 15 0	33 15 0	33 15 0	33 15 0	33 15 0	33 15 0
Dairy and Farmyard Produce—												
Butter .. per lb.	1 11½	1 11½	1 11½	1 11½	1 11½	1 11½	1 11½	1 11½	1 11½	1 11½	1 11½	1 11½
Bacon .. "	2 2	2 2	2 2	2 2	2 2	2 2	2 2	2 2	2 2	2 2	2 2½	2 6
Ham .. "	2 9	2 9	2 9	2 9	2 9	2 9	2 9	2 9	2 9	2 9	2 9½	3 3
Cheese (matured) .. "	1 7	1 7	1 7	1 7	1 7	1 7	1 7	1 7	1 7	1 7	1 7	1 7
Honey .. "	0 7½	0 7½	0 7½	0 7½	0 7½	0 7½	0 7½	0 7½	0 7½	0 7½	0 9	0 9
Eggs .. per doz.	3 3	2 10½	2 9	2 9	2 9½	3 1½	3 4	3 6½	3 8	3 11½	4 0	4 0
Butchers' Meat—												
Beef, prime .. per 100 lb.	£ s. d. 4 11 8	£ s. d. 4 14 10½	£ s. d. 4 19 8	£ s. d. 5 2 10½	£ s. d. 5 5 5½	£ s. d. 4 17 4	£ s. d. 4 14 4½	£ s. d. 4 16 0	£ s. d. 5 18 0	£ s. d. 5 10 10	£ s. d. 5 8 0	£ s. d. 6 4 2
	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Mutton .. per lb.	10.29	10.49	10.49	10.29	9.36	8.97	8.87	9.88	12.75	12.75	15.13	22.25
Veal .. "	9.25	8.75	8.12	8.25	11.50	12.50	11.83	14.00	14.67	15.00	13.67	15.67
Pork .. "	20.50	23.00	24.75	24.25	25.50	27.20	25.75	26.50	25.75	25.75	25.13	28.75
Lamb .. "	15.25	19.50	17.25	15.00	15.50	16.13	16.16	17.00	21.00	21.50	24.00	30.50

Retail
Prices.

The following table gives the monthly average of the Melbourne retail prices of certain items of groceries, &c., for the year ended June, 1950 :—

MELBOURNE—RETAIL PRICES—YEAR ENDED JUNE, 1950.

Article.	Unit.	1949.						1950.					
		July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April.	May.	June.
		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Groceries, &c.—													
Bread ..	2 lb.	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50
Flour, self-raising ..	"	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.95	9.95	9.95	9.95	9.95	9.95	9.95
Tea ..	lb.	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00
Sugar ..	"	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	16.00	15.95	15.95	15.85	15.85	15.95	16.05	16.00	16.00	16.80	16.85	16.90
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	5.28	5.46	5.54	5.47	5.61	5.69	5.69	5.81	6.13	6.46	6.46	6.66
Raisins, seeded ..	"	16.25	16.72	16.78	16.78	16.78	17.11	17.25	17.35	18.39	18.39	18.39	18.67
Currants ..	"	12.56	12.79	12.81	13.00	12.94	13.22	13.56	13.33	13.44	14.50	15.14	15.57
Apricots, dried ..	"	26.00	25.50	25.50	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.17	25.17	25.17	25.17	25.17	25.17
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	18.00	17.85	18.50	18.55	18.65	18.55	18.50	18.50	19.56	20.57	20.71	20.56
Pears, canned ..	"	19.10	19.10	19.65	19.70	19.75	19.70	19.60	19.70	20.83	21.78	22.06	21.94
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	22.25	21.69	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.52	21.43
Onions, brown ..	lb.	2.88	2.94	2.94	3.25	4.08	3.58	3.67	3.58	3.71	3.86	3.86	3.70
Dairy Produce—													
Butter, factory ..	lb.	26.30	26.30	26.30	26.30	26.30	26.30	26.30	26.35	26.35	26.35	26.35	26.35
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	34.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.90	34.00	40.00	43.00	44.00	44.10
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	34.33	36.25	37.63	38.38	40.38	40.38	40.63	44.13	44.25	44.25	44.25	44.25
Milk, fresh ..	quat.	10.90	10.18	10.18	10.18	10.18	10.18	10.18	11.53	11.68	11.68	11.68	11.68
Meat—													
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	17.60	17.80	17.80	17.90	17.90	19.50	19.50	19.60	19.60	19.80	20.20	20.30
" rib ..	"	14.50	14.70	14.70	14.70	14.70	16.45	16.30	16.40	16.50	17.17	17.15	17.20
" steak, rump ..	"	26.55	26.65	26.75	26.65	26.65	28.20	28.60	28.60	28.60	29.20	29.50	29.50
" " chuck ..	"	12.10	12.30	12.30	12.30	12.30	13.70	13.90	13.90	14.60	14.80	14.60	14.60
" sausages ..	"	10.90	10.90	11.00	10.90	11.00	12.30	12.30	12.20	12.80	12.90	13.28	13.28
" corned silvers/de ..	"	16.40	16.60	16.60	16.70	16.70	18.40	18.65	18.60	18.80	19.45	19.25	19.25
" " brisket ..	"	10.78	11.11	11.11	11.22	11.22	12.78	13.00	13.00	13.11	13.44	13.33	13.33
Mutton, leg ..	"	13.50	13.88	13.88	13.88	13.88	13.88	13.88	13.81	14.13	14.25	14.38	14.38
" forequarter ..	"	6.94	7.56	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.63	7.50	7.94	8.56	8.69	8.66
" loin ..	"	11.71	12.14	12.29	12.29	12.29	12.29	12.14	12.29	13.25	13.50	13.50	13.50
" chops, loin ..	"	12.38	12.75	12.75	12.75	12.75	12.75	13.00	13.00	13.50	14.50	14.63	14.75
" " leg ..	"	13.88	13.94	13.94	13.94	13.94	13.94	13.81	13.81	14.19	14.94	15.06	15.19
Pork, leg ..	"	24.75	26.29	26.71	27.71	30.14	32.14	32.57	32.14	32.00	32.43	31.75	31.50
" chops ..	"	26.13	28.00	28.86	30.14	32.00	33.29	33.71	33.29	34.83	34.71	33.25	33.50

Land Settlement, &c.

The following table gives the monthly average of the Melbourne retail prices of certain items of groceries, &c., for the year ended June, 1951:—

MELBOURNE—RETAIL PRICES—YEAR ENDED JUNE, 1951.

Article.	Unit.	1950.						1951.					
		July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April.	May.	June.
		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Groceries, &c.—													
Bread ..	2 lb.	8-50	8-50	8-50	8-50	8-50	8-50	9-50	9-50	9-50	10-00	10-00	10-00
Flour, self-raising ..	"	10-00	10-00	10-00	10-00	10-00	10-05	11-40	12-00	12-10	12-10	12-10	12-00
Tea ..	lb.	40-00	40-00	40-00	40-00	40-00	40-00	46-00	45-75	46-05	46-00	46-00	46-00
Sugar ..	"	5-00	5-00	5-00	5-00	5-00	5-00	5-00	5-00	5-00	5-00	5-00	5-00
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	16-85	16-90	16-90	16-90	17-00	17-00	17-00	18-55	19-05	19-35	19-35	19-45
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	6-84	6-47	6-41	6-47	6-47	6-53	6-61	6-79	7-08	7-92	8-07	9-42
Raisins, seeded ..	"	18-67	19-71	20-00	20-25	19-83	19-80	20-40	22-40	27-33	27-71	27-86	27-86
Currants ..	"	15-57	15-50	15-50	15-50	15-38	15-29	15-29	16-81	16-75	18-75	19-81	19-81
Apricots, dried ..	"	25-17	25-17	25-17	25-17	25-17	25-17	25-17	25-17	33-46	39-21	46-00	47-00
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	20-69	20-78	20-78	20-89	20-72	20-72	20-70	20-75	22-06	22-58	26-00	26-00
Pears, canned ..	"	22-09	22-10	22-15	22-21	22-06	21-94	22-00	21-95	22-07	23-42	26-00	26-00
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	25-73	23-36	26-00	28-00	28-00	30-92	26-50	27-50	26-83	28-00	28-00	28-00
Onions, brown ..	lb.	3-67	3-58	3-58	5-00	5-00	5-00	5-00	5-25	5-10	5-00	5-00	5-00
Dairy Produce—													
Butter, factory ..	lb.	26-35	26-35	26-35	26-35	26-35	26-35	26-35	26-35	26-35	26-35	26-35	26-35
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	44-00	37-90	37-80	37-80	37-80	41-00	45-10	47-00	48-80	53-80	53-90	53-90
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	44-25	44-25	44-88	44-63	44-75	44-75	44-63	48-88	49-38	49-75	50-00	50-00
Milk, fresh ..	quart	11-68	11-68	11-40	11-39	11-42	11-42	11-40	13-25	13-25	13-25	14-25	14-25
Meat—													
Beef, ..	lb.	September Quarter			December Quarter			March Quarter			June Quarter		
" rib ..	"	21-17			24-28			25-37			28-06		
" steak, rump ..	"	17-97			21-29			22-73			24-91		
" chuck ..	"	30-23			34-25			36-15			39-09		
" sausages ..	"	15-13			17-99			19-27			22-37		
" corned silverside ..	"	13-37			14-94			16-08			17-61		
" brisket ..	"	20-17			23-33			25-05			27-41		
Mutton, leg ..	"	14-22			17-40			18-21			20-54		
" forequarter ..	"	15-40			17-95			19-38			23-58		
" loin ..	"	9-48			11-79			12-34			16-40		
" chops, loin ..	"	14-54			16-56			19-33			25-45		
" leg ..	"	15-28			17-42			19-52			24-45		
Pork, leg ..	"	15-93			18-21			20-32			24-64		
" chops ..	"	33-33			36-88			37-57			37-97		
	"	34-67			38-05			38-88			39-71		

FORESTRY.

Administration. The forests of the State comprise both reserved and protected areas and are controlled by a Commission appointed in 1919.

Forest Area. At the 30th June, 1950, the area of reserved forest was 4,975,056 acres, much of which can be classed only as protection forest and is not strictly speaking timber producing. It is estimated that there are 10,000,000 acres of Crown lands in the State carrying merchantable timber.

Protected Forests. In addition to the 4,975,056 acres aforementioned, there were 164,609 acres reserved as Timber Reserves under the Land Acts. Including these reserves, but excluding areas reserved as sites for Gardens, Parks and Recreation Purposes, all remaining Crown lands have been proclaimed "Protected Forests". It should not be assumed, however, that all of these lands are "forests" as the term is generally understood, as over 6,000,000 acres comprise roads, water frontages, beds of rivers and lakes, and unsold land in cities, towns, and boroughs. In addition, on the area of more than 8,000,000 acres in occupation under grazing and other leases, much of the timber is of little or no commercial value because of remoteness, inaccessibility, or other causes.

Forests Output. The output of sawn timber from State Forests in 1949-50 was 27,423,976 cubic feet. In addition 34,304,640 cubic feet of fuel timber and 7,026,525 cubic feet of miscellaneous timber were produced.

Particulars of sawn timber and firewood, from all sources, will be found in part "Factories" etc., of the *Year Book*.

Softwood Plantations. The area planted during the 1949 planting season was 2,780 acres, comprising restocking cut-over areas, 8 acres; new planting 2,404 acres; and renewals 303 acres. The effective plantation area at 30th June, 1950, was 52,096 acres.

Plantation Output. The output of plantation-grown softwood timber amounted to 12,156,328 superficial feet. The corresponding total for 1948-49 was 13,215,834 superficial feet.

Other Commercial Softwood Plantations. There are not many private commercial plantations of softwoods in Victoria. The largest is at Dartmoor, near the South Australian border, where a company holds 11,361 acres. Of this area 9,000 acres are in Victoria and approximately 6,000 acres thereof have been planted. The same company holds 1,200 acres at Rosebud (650 acres planted).

The Ballarat Water Commission has an area of approximately 3,500 acres available for afforestation, of which 1,100 acres are planted with conifers. Its present planting programme provides for 50,000 trees (100 acres) per annum.

Trees and forest thinnings, down to a diameter of about five inches, are utilized in the Commission's case-making plant, the value of the output of which amounts approximately to £55,000 per annum. Smaller diameter thinnings are disposed of for paper pulping purposes.

Severe damage to the plantations was caused by the bush fires of 1939, about 240,000 trees being destroyed. This area has now been re-afforested. The number of effective conifers growing on the Commission's Reserves is 643,000.

Timber salvage from burnt-out areas. Following upon the disastrous bush fires of 1939 (references to which appeared on pages 5, 286, 494, and 495 of the 1938-39 issue of the *Year-Book*) it was estimated that of the 2,000,000,000 superficial feet of fire-killed timber, 916,000,000 superficial feet could be recovered. This target was attained by May, 1945. Under the provisions of the *State Forests (Timber Salvage) Loan and Application Act* 1939, salvage of Mountain Ash and Alpine Ash timber is still proceeding at a satisfactory rate and up to 30th June, 1950, 1,334,226,146 superficial feet of serviceable timber had been recovered.

Nurseries.

To encourage the growth of softwoods or conifers in both State and private plantations, three large nurseries have been established at Creswick, Macedon, and Broadford. In addition to providing trees for the plantations, the nurseries supply considerable numbers of plants at low rates to State schools, public bodies, and private applicants. This has proved of great benefit to the community by fostering an interest in tree planting generally, and especially by encouraging farmers to plant trees to afford protection to their homesteads and to provide shade and shelter for their flocks and herds.

Forestry Fund.

Particulars in respect of this fund (established in 1918) will be found on page 355 of the 1943-44 issue of the *Year-Book*.

Revenue and Expenditure.

The revenue derived from forest sources during the financial year 1949-50 was £1,130,307, and the expenditure £2,574,197—£757,906 of which was paid out of the Consolidated Revenue, £1,554,021 out of loan funds, and the balance (£262,270) from the Forestry Fund.

Silviculture of Indigenous Forests.

The various types of silvicultural operations in the indigenous forests over the period 1946-47 to 1949-50 are indicated in the following table:—

VICTORIA—SILVICULTURAL OPERATIONS IN STATE FORESTS, 1946-47 TO 1949-50.

Nature of Work.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
First thinning	5,330	7,903	6,870	5,392
Second or subsequent thinning	1,515	1,826	2,540	2,310
Regeneration or liberation treatment by ring-barking	486	4,326	5,286	3,236
Removal of surplus coppice	7,120	15,157	15,273	16,079
Total area treated	14,451	29,212	29,969	27,017

The Wood-Pulp Agreement Act.

The *Wood-Pulp Agreement Act* 1936 (No. 4451) passed on 27th December, 1936, is "an Act to ratify validate approve and otherwise give effect to an agreement between the Minister of Forests, the Forests Commission, and Australian Paper Manufacturers Limited with respect to the establishment of the wood-pulp industry". Details of the agreement will be found in previous issues of the *Year-Book*.

Production of wood-pulp. The first manufacturing unit—the Pilot Mill—erected in accordance with the abovementioned agreement came into production in January, 1938, with a capacity production of 3,000 tons of air-dried pulp per annum. The main mill, which commenced production in October, 1939, has a capacity output of approximately 30,000 tons of kraft pulp per annum.

Supply of pulp-wood from State forests. Consignment of pulp-wood from the State forests to the mill at Maryvale commenced in October, 1937. During the year 1949-50, the quantities of pulp-wood obtained from the State forests totalled 3,334,459 cubic feet as compared with 3,373,704 cubic feet in 1948-49.

PART III.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Registration
of births,
deaths, and
marriages.

The system of compulsory registration of births, deaths, and marriages in Victoria has been in force since 1853, and the registers contain all necessary information bearing on the family history of the people. The statutory duties under the Registration Acts are performed by the Government Statist, who has supervision over the registrars of births and deaths, the registrars of marriages, and (so far as regards their registration duties) the clergymen who celebrate marriages. Copies of entries certified by the Government Statist or by an Assistant Government Statist are *prima facie* evidence in the Courts of Australia of the facts to which they relate. At the Government Statist's Office there is kept for reference a complete collection of all registrations effected since 1st July, 1853, as well as originals or certified copies of all existing church records relating to earlier periods, as far back as 1837. Since the present system was instituted approximately 6,325,439 original entries have been made in the indexes, of which 1,900,186 relate to marriages, 2,968,031 to births, and 1,457,222 to deaths.

Law relating to
marriages,
births, and
deaths.

The various Acts relating to the registration of marriages, births, and deaths in Victoria were consolidated in 1928, since when the Marriage Act was amended by Acts No. 4561 and 4839 of 1938 and 1941 respectively, and the Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Act by Act No. 4553 of 1938 and 4858 of 1941.

Marriages may be celebrated by any minister of religion who ordinarily officiates as such in one of the religious denominations, and whose name is registered in the office of the Government Statist; also by the Government Statist, an Assistant Government Statist, or a duly appointed registrar of marriages. The Governor in Council may prohibit from celebrating marriages any minister who is proved guilty of any indictable offence, misconduct or impropriety in the celebration of any marriage, or who makes a business of celebrating marriages for the purpose of profit or gain. At least three clear days before the performance of any marriage, written notice of such marriage must be given to the proposed celebrant by the parties about to be married, but such notice may, in respect of a

marriage by a minister of religion, be dispensed with in the case of emergency by written permission of any Justice of the Peace. Marriage of minors is permissible only with the written consent of parents or guardian or, in certain circumstances, by permission of a Guardian of Minors; should a parent refuse consent, appeal may be made to a Stipendiary Magistrate. Marriage with a deceased wife's sister is valid. Marriages of Jews and Quakers are exempted in part from the law relating to marriages, and are deemed legal and valid if celebrated according to their respective usages. Certificates of such marriages must, however, be lodged with the Government Statist for record purposes. No marriage is invalid by reason of its having been celebrated by an unqualified person if either of the parties believed at the time that such person was qualified, or by reason of any formal defect or irregularity where the identity of the parties to the marriage is not in question.

A person whose husband or wife has been continually absent from such person for the space of seven years or over, and has not been known by such person to be living within that time, may marry without being liable to prosecution for bigamy (*see* sec. 61 of the Crimes Act); but such a marriage would be void, and the issue thereof illegitimate, if it should be subsequently discovered that the former wife (or husband) was alive at the date of the marriage.

Births of live children must, under a penalty not exceeding £10 for default without reasonable cause, be registered within 60 days. After 60 days and within twelve months, registration may be effected, after declaration, on the payment of a fee of 5s.; after twelve months and under seven years, only by authority of the Government Statist (fee 20s.); and after seven years by order of a Judge of a County Court or the Supreme Court (fee 30s.). The occupier of any house or place in which an illegitimate child is born, or in which an illegitimate child under the age of five years dies, is required to give notice of such birth or death to the district registrar within three to seven days, according to the locality of the event. If the mother is the occupier, the period of notification is extended to three weeks.

Deaths must, under a penalty not exceeding £10, be notified to the local registrar by the occupier of the house or tenement in which the death occurred. Registration of death must be effected within 21 days by a person present at the death or in attendance during the last illness of the deceased or, in the case of illness, inability or default of such person, by the occupier of the house or tenement in which the death occurred. The medical practitioner in attendance during the last illness is also required, under a penalty not exceeding £5, to report the death to the registrar, unless the death has been reported to the Coroner.

**Summary of
Vital Statistics,
1949.**

The principal numbers and rates relating to Vital Statistics are given in the following table:—

VICTORIA—SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS, 1949.

Division.	Number of—				Rate per 1,000 of Population.*			Infantile Mortality.
	Mar- riages.	Births.	Deaths.	Deaths under One Year.	Mar- riage.	Birth.	Death.	Deaths under One Year per 1,000 Births.
Greater Melbourne ..	..	25,599	13,371	519	..	20·08	10·49	20·27
Remainder of the State	..	21,274	8,620	507	..	24·62	9·98	23·83
Victoria	20,066	46,873	21,991	1,026	9·38	21·92	10·28	21·89

* Subject to revision.

MARRIAGES.

**Marriages—
Numbers and
rates.**

Marriages in Victoria in 1949 numbered 20,066, an increase of 31 as compared with the number registered in 1948. The rate per 1,000 of population in 1949 was 9·38, as compared with rates of 9·59 in 1948, 9·95 in 1947, 10·57 in 1946, and 8·22 in 1945. The highest rate recorded in Victoria was 12·06 in 1942; the lowest rate was 5·66 in 1931—a year of acute economic depression. From that year to 1942 there was a marked increase, the rate in 1942 being 113 per cent. higher than that in 1931.

The record number of marriages (23,636) in 1942 can be attributed to war-time conditions. The pronounced fall in the number celebrated in 1943 indicated that the influence of those conditions had passed its peak. In the years 1944 and 1945 further falls were recorded, the rate (8·22) in 1945 being the lowest recorded since 1934. In 1946 there was a large increase in the number of marriages, the rate (10·57) being 29 per cent. higher than the rate in 1945. The increase in the number in 1946 reflected the postponement of marriages during the latter years of the war. In 1947 there was an appreciable decline in the number of marriages, the rate falling to 9·95 per 1,000 of population. In the following two years there was little fluctuation in the number, the rate, however, continued to decline, and in 1949 was 9·38 per 1,000 of population.

The following table shows the number of marriages, the quarters in which they were registered, and the proportion per 1,000 of the population since 1854 :—

VICTORIA—MARRIAGES IN EACH QUARTER, 1855 TO 1949.

Period.	Average Annual Number of Marriages.	Quarter of Registration.				Rate per 1,000 of Mean Population.
		March.	June.	September.	December.	
1855-59 ..	4,362	*	*	*	*	10·24
1860-64 ..	4,418	1,068	1,166	1,079	1,105	8·16
1865-69 ..	4,533	1,123	1,144	1,113	1,153	6·94
1870-74 ..	4,823	1,168	1,299	1,131	1,225	6·40
1875-79 ..	5,023	1,239	1,307	1,207	1,270	6·21
1880-84 ..	6,296	1,528	1,611	1,483	1,674	7·07
1885-89 ..	8,208	1,899	2,196	1,915	2,198	8·04
1890-94 ..	7,945	1,995	2,100	1,838	2,012	6·88
1895-99 ..	7,627	1,816	2,074	1,778	1,959	6·44
1900-04 ..	8,201	2,000	2,252	1,930	2,019	6·78
1905-09 ..	9,209	2,185	2,548	2,182	2,294	7·36
1910-14 ..	11,244	2,664	3,000	2,644	2,936	8·29
1915-19 ..	10,908	2,437	2,754	2,815	2,902	7·62
1920-24 ..	13,598	3,252	3,578	3,152	3,616	8·64
1925-29 ..	13,301	3,136	3,603	3,047	3,515	7·72
1930-34 ..	12,019	2,929	3,123	2,727	3,240	6·64
1935-39 ..	16,406	3,699	4,484	3,414	4,809	8·84
1940-44 ..	20,609	5,089	5,383	4,812	5,325	10·56
1945 ..	16,501	4,241	3,987	3,669	4,604	8·22
1946 ..	21,405	5,289	5,707	4,678	5,731	10·57
1947 ..	20,437	4,973	5,386	4,374	5,704	9·95
1948 ..	20,035	5,311	5,070	4,174	5,480	9·59
1949 ..	20,066	5,160	5,136	4,129	5,641	9·38

* Not available.

The ordinary marriage rate—per 1,000 of the total population—like birth and death rates similarly estimated, is apt to be misleading in the early settlement stages of countries like Australia, but it affords a ready and approximate comparison between years not widely separated.

**Marriage rates
—Australian
States and
New Zealand.**

The following statement shows the marriage rate per 1,000 of the population in the Australian States and in New Zealand, for each of the five years 1945 to 1949 :—

MARRIAGE RATES—AUSTRALIAN STATES AND NEW ZEALAND.

Year.	Vic- toria.	New South Wales.	Queens- land.	South Aus- tralia.	Western Aus- tralia.	Tas- mania.	Aus- tralia.	New Zealand.
1945	8.22	8.67	9.20	8.48	7.77	7.51	8.50	10.14
1946	10.57	10.76	10.70	10.55	10.49	10.51	10.64	12.39
1947	9.95	10.11	9.95	10.32	10.50	10.02	10.09	10.94
1948	9.59	9.96	9.01	10.18	10.07	9.18	9.71	9.96
1949	9.38	9.23	8.92	9.27	9.29	8.88	9.23	9.53

The marriage rate in England and Wales in 1949 was 8.6.

The ages of bridegrooms and brides who were married in 1949 are shown in combination for various groups in the table which follows:—

VICTORIA—AGES OF BRIDEGROOMS AND BRIDES IN COMBINATION, 1949.

Ages of Bride- grooms.	Ages of Brides.																		Total Bridegrooms.
	14.	15.	16.	17.	18.	19.	20.	21 to 24.	25 to 29.	30 to 34.	35 to 39.	40 to 44.	45 to 49.	50 to 54.	55 to 59.	60 to 64.	65 to 69.	70 and over.	
15
16
17	1	3	10	3	2	4	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	29
18 ..	2	2	14	18	33	26	6	23	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	126
19	2	19	40	70	67	45	50	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	296
20	4	22	56	114	139	106	185	16	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	647
21 to 24	..	6	54	197	549	938	1,014	3,898	639	63	11	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	7,371
25 to 29	..	2	18	48	195	317	512	2,757	1,585	294	53	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,797
30 to 34	1	10	33	52	82	685	803	423	137	36	8	..	..	..	..	..	2,270
35 to 39	..	1	1	2	8	10	20	229	372	348	247	88	24	2	2	1	..	..	1,355
40 to 44	3	3	5	42	121	180	189	144	49	9	5	3	..	..	753
45 to 49	..	1	1	..	2	..	..	22	42	67	127	120	91	28	13	4	..	2	520
50 to 54	1	4	11	21	63	75	68	49	22	10	1	1	326
55 to 59	4	5	8	18	42	39	60	45	15	6	..	242
60 to 64	3	5	18	32	37	23	29	6	5	158
65 to 69	3	7	11	24	27	17	11	4	104
70 to 74	1	6	7	7	11	10	4	46
75 and over	1	..	..	1	2	2	8	8	4	26
Total Brides	2	19	133	381	1,010	1,554	1,795	7,905	3,599	1,413	853	547	330	218	147	98	42	20	20,066

Of every 1,000 men married during the year, 734 were older and 172 younger than their brides, and 94 were of the same age.

In 1949 the oldest bridegroom was aged 84 years, and the oldest bride 80 years. The youngest bridegroom was aged 17 years, and the youngest bride 14 years.

Proportion of marriages at various ages. The proportion of both sexes marrying in 1949 is shown, in varying age groups, in the following table:—

VICTORIA—PROPORTION OF BRIDEGROOMS AND BRIDES IN AGE GROUPS, 1949.

Age Group.	Proportion per 1,000 of total—		Age Group.	Proportion per 1,000 of total—	
	Bridegrooms.	Brides.		Bridegrooms.	Brides.
Under 16 ..	..	1·05	35 to 39 ..	67·53	42·51
16 ..	..	6·63	40 to 44 ..	37·53	27·26
17 ..	1·45	18·99	45 to 49 ..	25·91	16·45
18 ..	6·27	50·33	50 to 54 ..	16·25	10·86
19 ..	14·75	77·44	55 to 59 ..	12·06	7·33
20 ..	32·24	89·45	60 and over ..	16·65	7·97
21 to 24 ..	367·34	393·95			
25 to 29 ..	288·89	179·36		1,000·00	1,000·00
30 to 34 ..	113·13	70·42			

Marriages of minors. The number of minors marrying at each age and the proportion of each sex to the total marriages are given in the following table for each of the five years 1945 to 1949:—

VICTORIA—MARRIAGES OF MINORS.

Year.	Age in Years.							Total.	
	14.	15.	16.	17.	18.	19.	20.	Number.	Percentage of Total Marriages.
Bridegrooms.									
1945 .. ..	..	..	3	36	131	301	529	1,000	6·06
1946 .. ..	..	1	3	29	148	355	619	1,155	5·40
1947 .. ..	..	2	5	17	96	283	583	986	4·82
1948 .. ..	..	..	5	22	120	285	603	1,035	5·17
1949 .. ..	..	..	..	29	126	296	647	1,098	5·47
Brides.									
1945	1	14	87	280	704	1,110	1,395	3,591	21·76
1946	2	23	124	396	977	1,449	1,894	4,865	22·73
1947	2	23	112	386	941	1,483	1,742	4,689	22·94
1948 .. ..	..	16	125	439	933	1,392	1,751	4,656	23·24
1949	2	19	133	381	1,010	1,554	1,795	4,894	24·39

The proportion of minors marrying steadily decreased from 1931 to 1936. There was little fluctuation during the following three years, but in 1940 there was an increase, mainly due to the number of brides who were under 21 years of age. A further increase was recorded during each year of the period 1941-44, the proportion of minors marrying in 1944 being 14·35 per cent. of the persons married in that year. There was little variation in the next four years, but in 1949 the proportion of minors marrying increased to 14·93 per cent.

Of every 1,000 bridegrooms in 1949, 55 were under 21 years of age ; of every 1,000 brides, 244 were under 21 years of age.

Age at marriage. The mean ages at marriage, according to conjugal condition, are shown in the following table for each of the five years 1945 to 1949 :—

VICTORIA—MEAN AGE AT MARRIAGE, 1945 TO 1949.

Year.	Bridegrooms.				Brides.			
	Bachelors.	Divorced.	Widowers.	All Bridegrooms.	Spinsters.	Divorced.	Widows.	All Brides.
1945 ..	27·8	39·2	52·0	29·8	24·9	34·9	43·2	26·4
1946 ..	27·4	38·1	51·0	29·1	24·6	34·4	41·1	25·8
1947 ..	27·3	38·5	51·6	29·2	24·4	34·4	42·0	25·9
1948 ..	27·2	38·3	51·6	29·1	24·4	35·1	43·6	25·9
1949 ..	27·1	39·0	51·9	29·0	24·2	34·4	44·8	25·8

In 1949 the mean age at marriage of bridegrooms whose brides were under 45 was 27·8 years, while for brides under 45 the age was 24·6 years.

The most popular age at marriage for bridegrooms in 1949 was 23 years, and for brides 21 years.

Conjugal condition of persons marrying. In the following tables are given the number of persons in each conjugal condition marrying during each of the five years 1945 to 1949, and the proportions in each condition for periods since 1910.

VICTORIA—CONJUGAL CONDITION OF PERSONS MARRYING, 1945 TO 1949.

Period.	Bridegrooms.			Brides.			Total Marriages.
	Bachelors.	Widowers.	Divorced.	Spinsters.	Widows.	Divorced.	
1945 ..	14,544	967	990	14,720	817	964	16,501
1946 ..	19,209	1,046	1,150	19,287	981	1,137	21,405
1947 ..	18,101	1,015	1,321	18,196	971	1,270	20,437
1948 ..	17,736	1,029	1,270	17,906	872	1,257	20,035
1949 ..	17,817	985	1,264	17,905	909	1,252	20,066

VICTORIA—TOTAL MARRIAGES IN 1949 AND PERCENTAGE OF PERSONS MARRYING IN EACH CONJUGAL CONDITION, 1910 TO 1949.

Marriages Between—	1949.		Conjugal Condition.	Percentage of Total—			
	Num-ber.	Per-cent-age.		1910-19.	1920-29.	1930-39.	1949.
Bachelors and Spinsters ..	16,636	82.91	Bachelors Widowers Divorced	Bridegrooms.			
Bachelors and Widows ..	406	2.02		92.7	92.1	92.3	88.8
Bachelors and Divorced Women ..	775	3.86		6.5	6.3	5.5	4.9
Widowers and Spinsters ..	494	2.46	Total	0.8	1.6	2.2	6.3
Widowers and Widows ..	346	1.73		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Widowers and Divorced Women ..	145	0.72		Brides.			
Divorced Men and Spinsters ..	775	3.86	Spinsters Widows Divorced	94.2	93.6	94.4	89.2
Divorced Men and Widows ..	157	0.78		4.8	4.9	3.4	4.5
Divorced Men and Divorced Women ..	332	1.66		1.0	1.5	2.2	6.3
Total Marriages ..	20,066	100.00	Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

The proportions of widowers and widows remarrying per 100 marriages declined from 6.5 and 4.7 respectively in 1910-14 to 5.1 and 4.6 in 1945-49. During the same period the proportion of remarriages of divorced men increased from 0.7 to 6.1 and of divorced women from 0.9 to 6.0. The increased proportion of divorced persons remarrying reflects the higher number of decrees for dissolution of marriage granted in recent years. The numbers of such decrees and of remarriages of divorced men and of divorced women for certain periods since 1900 are shown in the following table:—

VICTORIA—DIVORCED PERSONS REMARRYING SINCE 1900.

Period.	Decrees Granted.	Remarriages.	
		Divorced Men.	Divorced Women.
1900-09	1,208	418	554
1910-19	2,258	867	1,096
1920-29	4,392	2,125	2,116
1930-39	6,059	3,172	3,099
1940	817	591	623
1941	833	585	648
1942	953	696	675
1943	1,375	696	696
1944	1,670	734	788
1945	1,727	990	964
1946	1,619	1,150	1,137
1947	2,266	1,321	1,270
1948	1,660	1,270	1,257
1949	1,766	1,264	1,252

Marriages in
religious
denomina-
tions.

In 1949 the number of marriages celebrated by ministers of religion was 18,635, representing 93 per cent. of the total marriages. Civil marriages numbered 1,431, or 7 per cent. of the total.

The numbers and proportions of civil marriages and of marriages solemnized according to the rites of the principal religious denominations for the years 1929, 1939, and 1949 are shown in the following table:—

VICTORIA—MARRIAGES, RELIGIOUS AND CIVIL.

	1929.		1939.		1949.	
	Number.	Per- centage of Total Marriages.	Number.	Per- centage of Total Marriages.	Number.	Per- centage of Total Marriages.
Church of England ..	3,693	28·55	5,086	29·28	5,985	29·83
Roman Catholic Church	2,309	17·85	3,373	19·42	4,007	19·97
Presbyterian Church ..	2,374	18·35	3,203	18·44	3,983	19·85
Methodist Church ..	1,832	14·16	2,593	14·93	2,927	14·59
Baptist Church ..	619	4·79	709	4·08	385	1·92
Church of Christ ..	329	2·54	466	2·68	357	1·78
Congregational Church..	473	3·66	364	2·10	312	1·55
Lutheran Church ..	73	0·56	73	0·42	186	0·93
Hebrew ..	59	0·46	113	0·65	176	0·88
Salvation Army ..	58	0·45	199	1·15	95	0·47
Other Sects ..	76	0·59	201	1·16	222	1·10
Civil Marriages ..	1,040	8·04	988	5·69	1,431	7·13
Total	12,935	100·00	17,368	100·00	20,066	100·00

Civil marriages. The following statement shows the numbers and proportions of civil marriages to total marriages performed for each of the ten years 1940 to 1949:—

VICTORIA—CIVIL MARRIAGES, 1940 TO 1949.

Year.	Number.	Percentage of Total Marriages.	Year.	Number.	Percentage of Total Marriages.
1940	1,329	5·96	1945.. ..	1,089	6·60
1941	1,478	7·07	1946.. ..	1,406	6·57
1942	1,203	5·09	1947.. ..	1,418	6·94
1943	898	4·89	1948.. ..	1,411	7·04
1944	939	5·26	1949.. ..	1,431	7·13

The succeeding statement gives the numbers and proportions of civil marriages performed in the office of the Government Statist during each of the ten years 1940 to 1949:—

CIVIL MARRIAGES PERFORMED IN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNMENT STATIST, 1940 TO 1949.

Year.	Number.	Percentage of Total Civil Marriages.
1940	1,199	90·22
1941	1,363	92·22
1942	1,145	95·18
1943	849	94·54
1944	895	95·31
1945	1,045	95·96
1946	1,310	93·17
1947	1,341	94·57
1948	1,351	95·75
1949	1,378	96·30

Registered clergymen. The ministers qualified by registration to celebrate marriages numbered 2,149 on 31st December, 1949. The number of ministers in each denomination (excepting Jews and Quakers) was as follows:—

**VICTORIA—REGISTERED MINISTERS IN EACH
DENOMINATION, 1949.**

Denomination.	Number of Registered Ministers.	Denomination.	Number of Registered Ministers.
Church of England ..	427	Welsh Calvinistic Methodists	2
Roman Catholic ..	669	Open Brethren ..	3
Presbyterian ..	335	Particular Baptist ..	3
Methodist ..	272	Free Presbyterian Church of Victoria ..	2
Baptist ..	102	Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland ..	3
Churches of Christ ..	91	Catholic and Apostolic ..	1
Salvation Army ..	84	Ballarat Town and City Mission ..	1
Congregational ..	48	Unitarian ..	2
Seventh Day Adventists ..	37	New Church ..	1
Evangelical Lutheran		International Bible Students	4
Church of Australia ..	28	Greek Orthodox Church ..	1
United Evangelical Lutheran	13	Australian Church ..	1
German Evangelical		Christian Israelites ..	1
Lutheran ..	1	Syrian Orthodox Church ..	2
Swedish Evangelical			
Lutheran ..	2		
Re-organized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints ..	6		
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints ..	1		
Assemblies of God in Aus- tralia ..	6	Total ..	2,149

In 1949 there were 5 civil registrars of marriages in Victoria.

BIRTHS.

The number of births registered in Victoria during the year 1949 was 46,873. This was 493 less than the record number (47,366) registered in 1947. The rate per 1,000 of population in 1949 was 21·92, as compared with 22·06 in 1948 and 23·06 in 1947. The year 1928 was the first year in which the birth rate per 1,000 of population in Victoria was under 20. After 1928 it declined steadily until 1935, when the record low rate of 15·17 was experienced. The rate slowly increased during the next five years. In 1941 it rose to 17·81, in 1942 to 18·33, and in 1943 to 19·82. There was little fluctuation in 1944, but in 1945 the rate increased to 20·53. This was followed by an exceptional rise in 1946, the rate (23·05) being the highest recorded for twenty-four years. The increase in the birth rate followed the rise in the marriage rate which began in 1932 and continued until 1942. There was little change in 1947, but in each of the years 1948 and 1949 the birth rate declined. Stillbirths, which are excluded from both births and deaths, numbered 907 and corresponded to a ratio of 19·35 per 1,000 infants born alive in 1949. There were 1,052 male to every 1,000 female births in 1949, as compared with 1,042 in 1948, 1,062 in 1947, 1,068 in 1946, and 1,061 in 1945.

**Births—
Numbers and
Rates.**

In young communities, birth rates calculated per 1,000 of the population are to some extent misleading. In the earlier periods when, owing to immigration, the population consists for the most part of men and women at the reproductive period of life, such rates are naturally high. As time proceeds, notwithstanding that immigration of reproductive adults may be maintained, the proportion of such adults to the total population must diminish, and with it, consequently, the birth rate.

The following table shows the number of births—male and female—the quarters in which they were registered, and the proportion per 1,000 of the population since 1854:—

VICTORIA—BIRTHS IN EACH QUARTER, 1855 TO 1949.

Period.	Average Annual Number of Births.	Sex.		Quarter of Registration.				Rate per 1,000 of Mean Population.
		Males.	Females.	March.	June.	September.	December.	
1855-59 ..	17,154	8,742	8,412	*	*	*	*	39.49
1860-64 ..	24,060	12,379	11,681	5,614	5,991	6,534	5,921	43.29
1865-69 ..	25,963	13,219	12,744	6,027	6,543	7,105	6,288	39.77
1870-74 ..	27,359	13,944	13,415	6,478	6,769	7,467	6,645	36.35
1875-79 ..	26,584	13,639	12,945	6,333	6,686	7,211	6,354	32.85
1880-84 ..	27,286	13,965	13,321	6,374	7,025	7,300	6,587	30.64
1885-89 ..	32,941	16,883	16,058	7,824	8,289	8,814	8,014	32.27
1890-94 ..	36,945	18,901	18,044	8,669	9,604	9,735	8,937	31.99
1895-99 ..	31,675	16,213	15,462	7,746	8,078	8,323	7,528	26.76
1900-04 ..	30,316	15,544	14,772	7,384	7,682	7,880	7,370	25.08
1905-09 ..	30,994	15,879	15,115	7,489	7,832	8,076	7,597	24.76
1910-14 ..	34,500	17,717	16,783	8,329	8,619	8,850	8,702	25.42
1915-19 ..	33,101	17,014	16,087	8,228	8,336	8,514	8,023	23.13
1920-24 ..	36,022	18,549	17,473	8,729	8,970	9,367	8,956	22.89
1925-29 ..	34,892	18,013	16,879	8,732	8,728	8,856	8,576	20.24
1930-34 ..	29,429	15,075	14,354	7,383	7,409	7,361	7,276	16.27
1935-39 ..	29,467	15,113	14,354	7,285	7,154	7,466	7,562	15.87
1940-44 ..	36,154	18,539	17,615	8,873	8,611	9,211	9,459	18.53
1945 ..	41,200	21,206	19,994	10,382	10,354	9,978	10,486	20.53
1946 ..	46,693	24,119	22,574	10,178	10,096	12,032	14,387	23.05
1947 ..	47,366	24,391	22,975	12,575	11,646	11,488	11,657	23.06
1948 ..	46,099	23,520	22,579	11,200	11,498	11,388	12,013	22.06
1949 ..	46,873	24,027	22,846	11,591	11,003	11,945	12,334	21.92

*Not available.

Birth rates—
Australian
States and
New Zealand.

The following statement shows the birth rate per 1,000 of the population in the Australian States and in New Zealand for each of the five years 1945 to 1949:—

BIRTH RATES—AUSTRALIAN STATES AND NEW ZEALAND, 1945 TO 1949.

Year.	Vic- toria.	New South Wales.	Queens- land.	South Aus- tralia.	Western Aus- tralia.	Tas- mania.	Aus- tralia.	New Zealand.
1945	20·53	21·13	24·81	22·37	21·88	23·27	21·73	23·22
1946	23·05	22·83	24·79	24·89	24·56	27·15	23·62	25·26
1947	23·06	23·24	25·66	25·24	25·59	27·70	24·06	26·47
1948	22·06	22·19	24·80	24·11	25·12	26·38	23·08	25·59
1949	21·92	22·10	24·18	23·80	25·35	26·08	22·91	24·98

The birth rate in England and Wales in 1949 was 16·7.

The average ages of fathers and of mothers of nuptial children whose births were recorded in 1949 were 31·9 and 28·5 years respectively. These averages were 4·1 and 3·9 years respectively above the average ages of bridegrooms marrying brides under 45 years of age, and of such brides, for the year 1949. The proportions of both parents in various age groups are shown in the following table for the year mentioned :—

VICTORIA—PERCENTAGE OF PARENTS OF NUPTIAL CHILDREN IN AGE GROUPS, 1949.

Father.			Mother.		
Age Group.	Percentage of Total Parents.		Age Group.	Percentage of Total Parents.	
Under 20	0·49		Under 20	3·79	
20 to 24	13·96		20 to 24	27·06	
25 to 29	31·28		25 to 29	32·91	
30 to 34	24·88		30 to 34	21·07	
35 to 39	16·52		35 to 39	11·72	
40 to 44	8·54		40 to 44	3·23	
45 to 49	3·22		45 and over	0·22	
50 and over	1·11				
Total	100·00		Total	100·00	

It will be seen that, on the experience of 1949, 59·97 per cent. of the mothers were between ages 20 and 30, and 32·79 per cent. between ages 30 and 40. The proportions of fathers at these ages were 45·24 and 41·40 per cent. respectively. Of every 1,000 nuptial births, about 38 were to mothers under 20 years and about 2 to mothers aged 45 years and upwards.

The following table shows the number of births (allotted to the place of usual residence of the mother) and the births per 1,000 of the mean population in Greater Melbourne, in cities and principal towns outside Greater Melbourne, and in the remainder of the State for the five-year periods 1928 to 1932, 1933 to 1937, 1938 to 1942, and for the year 1949 :—

BIRTHS IN GREATER MELBOURNE, CITIES AND PRINCIPAL TOWNS OUTSIDE GREATER MELBOURNE, AND REMAINDER OF STATE.

Municipality.	Annual Number of Births.				Births per 1,000 of Mean Population.			
	1928-1932.	1933-1937.	1938-1942.	1949.	1928-1932.	1933-1937.	1938-1942.	1949.
Greater Melbourne—								
Melbourne	1,348	1,143	1,264	1,790	14.29	12.68	13.43	18.21
Box Hill	259	214	305	628	18.31	13.84	17.60	26.36
Braybrook (Part)	187	157	198	471	22.28	17.65	19.16	27.66
Brighton	394	358	534	697	13.37	11.69	15.47	16.80
Broadmeadows (Part)	†	†	†	265	..	..	..	27.04
Brunswick	974	790	939	1,162	17.52	14.53	16.92	19.80
Camberwell	865	759	1,210	1,541	17.85	14.58	19.01	19.14
Caulfield	941	807	1,091	1,425	14.87	12.14	15.21	17.36
Chelsea	127	121	156	330	18.66	17.46	20.94	24.81
Coburg	742	634	776	1,167	20.80	16.35	18.34	21.87
Collingwood	532	492	507	597	16.63	16.26	16.76	20.22
Essendon	766	578	799	1,171	16.59	12.47	16.36	20.71
Fitzroy	517	467	519	661	15.96	15.24	16.77	20.62
Footscray	875	698	862	1,167	19.13	14.97	16.36	21.47
Hawthorn	424	406	568	764	12.70	11.82	15.28	18.68
Heidelberg (Part)	413	340	465	690	16.93	14.02	16.84	24.15
Keilor (Part)	†	†	†	80	..	..	..	26.09
Kew	339	284	380	527	13.97	11.58	13.84	17.21
Malvern	499	470	578	845	11.46	10.66	12.49	17.04
Moorabbin	398	359	446	1,001	23.14	19.20	20.50	29.05
Mordialloc	148	132	199	392	15.37	13.64	18.74	24.78
Mulgrave	†	†	†	148	..	..	..	35.66
Northcote	727	576	680	818	17.27	13.55	15.56	17.99
Nunawading	†	†	†	364	..	..	..	31.54
Oakleigh	264	217	270	465	22.72	17.91	20.59	26.02
Port Melbourne	230	197	204	266	17.24	15.22	15.16	18.60
Prahran	696	624	828	1,049	13.26	11.84	14.75	17.39
Preston	703	581	716	1,103	23.87	18.05	19.30	23.11
Richmond	693	593	650	802	16.71	14.95	16.24	20.64
Ringwood	†	†	†	195	..	..	..	34.82
Sandringham	272	232	327	665	15.33	12.67	16.20	22.85
South Melbourne	660	551	594	736	15.06	12.81	13.61	16.88
St. Kilda	533	512	712	1,000	11.61	10.55	13.62	17.02
Williamstown	423	326	398	437	19.28	14.64	16.94	16.23
Cities and Principal Towns outside Greater Melbourne—								
Ballaarat	664	596	621	939	17.14	15.74	16.01	22.81
Bendigo	550	555	566	712	17.10	18.81	18.71	22.62
Geelong	844	693	726	1,092	19.26	17.52	17.85	23.75
Ararat	†	102	104	137	..	20.76	19.82	21.88
Castlemaine	105	98	104	109	15.16	18.70	19.40	18.60
Colac	†	106	125	197	..	20.42	21.22	29.14
Echuca	†	95	88	117	..	21.39	19.73	24.61
Hamilton	138	117	139	205	24.47	20.08	21.79	27.59
Horsham	†	118	125	165	..	22.13	21.76	24.28
Maryborough	118	111	108	153	21.85	19.62	18.61	23.70
Mildura	184	207	247	300	28.23	30.54	31.35	29.94
Sale	†	86	99	172	..	19.97	21.85	32.18
Shepparton	151	158	188	260	27.51	27.24	29.38	28.73
Stawell	92	85	85	131	19.46	17.75	17.52	25.76
Swan Hill	†	†	†	123	..	..	..	27.33
Wangaratta	†	107	123	218	..	22.21	22.36	28.70
Warrnambool	176	175	195	251	20.17	19.40	20.70	24.17
Wonthaggi	141	91	89	108	22.44	14.95	17.80	24.91
Summary—								
Greater Melbourne	15,949	13,618	17,175	25,599	16.03	13.55	16.00	20.08
Cities and Principal Towns outside Greater Melbourne	3,163	3,500	3,732	5,389	19.22	18.90	19.42	24.58
Remainder of State	12,693	11,426	11,719	15,885	20.40	17.62	18.27	24.63
Victoria	31,805	28,544	32,626	46,873	17.85	15.52	17.11	21.92

† Included in Remainder of State.

Multiple
births.

The number of cases of multiple births and the proportion per 1,000 of the total cases of births in each of the five years 1945 to 1949 were as follows:—

VICTORIA—MULTIPLE BIRTHS.

Year.	Cases of Twins.	Cases of Triplets.	Cases of Quadruplets.	Total Multiple Cases.	Multiple Cases per 1,000 of Total Cases.
1945	478	2	..	480	11.78
1946	562	14	..	576	12.49
1947	559	10	..	569	12.15
1948	535	2	..	537	11.78
1949	526	3	1	530	11.43

There was one case of quadruplets in 1949; the previous case recorded in Victoria was in 1937.

On the average of the five years 1945-49, the proportion of mothers of twins was one in 85, of mothers of triplets, one in 7,279, of mothers of quadruplets, one in 225,642, and of mothers of all multiple births, one in 84 mothers.

The first Victorian provision for the legal adoption of children who have never married and for the registration of each adoption by the Government Statist was contained in the *Adoption of Children Act* 1928, No. 3605. An amending Act of 1942 (No. 4903) authorizes the transmission of copies of adoption orders made in another State or Territory of the Commonwealth concerning children born in Victoria, or made in Victoria concerning children born in such other State or Territory, and makes further provision for dealing with adoption orders so transmitted to Victoria in the same manner as adoption orders made in Victoria.

The first registration was effected on 14th October, 1929, and between that date and the end of the year 1949, the adoptions of 5,986 male and 6,869 female children were registered. During the five year period 1945-1949 there were 101 female for every 100 male adoptions.

The following table shows the number of adoptions—male and female—from 1929:—

VICTORIA—CHILDREN ADOPTED, 1929 TO 1949.

Period.	Number of Children Adopted.	
	Males.	Females.
1929	31	56
1930-1934	492	833
1935-1939	843	1,156
1940-1944	1,958	2,125
1945	511	509
1946	531	599
1947	547	571
1948	572	573
1949	501	447

Children legitimated. The first Victorian provision for the legitimation of children was contained in the *Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Act* 1903, No. 1835. Up to the end of 1949 legitimations numbered 5,660.

The table below shows the number of legitimations and the proportion per 100 ex-nuptial births from 1903:—

VICTORIA—LEGITIMATIONS, 1903 TO 1949.

Period.	Number of Legitimations.	Proportion per 100 Ex-Nuptial Births.
1903-1909	279	2·3
1910-1919	1,347	7·0
1920-1929	1,374	8·5
1930-1939	1,019	8·0
1940-1944	1,010	15·1
1945	139	9·4
1946	145	8·5
1947	138	8·5
1948	103	6·7
1949	106	6·9

Legitimation Acts are in force in all the Australian States and in New Zealand, but there are marked differences in the numbers of legitimations resulting therefrom. In proportion to every 100 children born out of wedlock in 1949 the numbers of legitimations in the several States and in New Zealand during that year were as follows:—Victoria, 6·9; New South Wales, 7·6; Queensland, 18·3; South Australia, 6·3; Western Australia, 28·4; Tasmania, 32·0; and New Zealand, 24·5.

Ex-nuptial births in Victoria. The following table shows the number of ex-nuptial births and their percentage to total births since 1909:—

VICTORIA—EX-NUPTIAL BIRTHS, 1910 TO 1949.

Period.	Average Annual Number of Births.	Average Annual Number of Ex-nuptial Births.			Percentage of Total Births.
		Male.	Female.	Total.	
1910-14	34,500	1,013	979	1,992	5·77
1915-19	33,101	941	912	1,853	5·60
1920-24	36,022	869	821	1,690	4·69
1925-29	34,892	806	752	1,558	4·47
1930-34	29,429	685	620	1,305	4·43
1935-39	29,467	613	615	1,228	4·17
1940-44	36,154	701	638	1,339	3·70
1945	41,200	773	713	1,486	3·61
1946	46,693	880	831	1,711	3·66
1947	47,366	797	828	1,625	3·43
1948	46,099	776	757	1,533	3·33
1949	46,873	780	754	1,534	3·27

The proportion of ex-nuptial to total births declined in each quinquennial period from 1910 to 1945.

In 1913 the percentage of ex-nuptial to total births was 6·03; in 1949 the percentage was 3·27.

The percentages in the various States and in New Zealand in 1949 were as follows:—Victoria, 3·27; New South Wales, 4·45; Queensland, 5·30; South Australia, 2·97; Western Australia, 3·73; Tasmania, 3·74; Australia, 4·07, and New Zealand, 3·81.

DEATHS.

The following table shows the number of deaths—male and female—the quarters in which they were registered, and the proportion per 1,000 of the population since 1854:—

VICTORIA—DEATHS IN EACH QUARTER, 1855 TO 1949.

Period.	Average Annual Number of Deaths.	Sex.		Quarter of Registration.				Rate per 1,000 of Mean Population.
		Males.	Females.	March.	June.	September.	December.	
1855-59 ..	7,653	4,768	2,885	*	*	*	*	17·78
1860-64 ..	10,210	6,001	4,209	3,257	2,658	2,093	2,202	18·44
1865-69 ..	11,035	6,374	4,661	3,385	2,938	2,243	2,469	16·93
1870-74 ..	10,978	6,365	4,613	3,232	2,744	2,461	2,541	14·56
1875-79 ..	13,289	7,567	5,722	4,016	3,567	2,831	2,875	16·45
1880-84 ..	12,820	7,324	5,496	3,512	3,167	3,013	3,128	14·40
1885-89 ..	16,200	9,307	6,893	4,591	3,912	3,689	4,008	15·87
1890-94 ..	16,886	9,716	7,170	4,643	4,108	3,977	4,158	14·62
1895-99 ..	16,350	9,227	7,123	4,324	3,957	3,808	4,261	13·81
1900-04 ..	15,457	8,686	6,771	3,921	3,750	3,992	3,794	12·84
1905-09 ..	14,932	8,296	6,636	3,805	3,539	3,917	3,671	11·93
1910-14 ..	15,705	8,616	7,089	3,873	3,875	4,137	3,820	11·57
1915-19 ..	16,283	8,860	7,423	3,781	4,172	4,467	3,863	11·38
1920-24 ..	16,375	8,781	7,594	3,846	4,166	4,503	3,860	10·40
1925-29 ..	16,674	8,969	7,705	3,770	4,213	4,602	4,089	9·67
1930-34 ..	17,180	9,175	8,005	3,814	4,214	4,822	4,330	9·50
1935-39† ..	18,994	10,109	8,885	4,043	4,780	5,630	4,541	10·23
1940-44† ..	20,904	11,009	9,895	4,389	5,142	6,338	5,035	10·71
1945† ..	20,496	10,647	9,849	4,360	5,150	5,894	5,092	10·21
1946† ..	21,534	11,280	10,254	4,736	5,273	6,012	5,513	10·63
1947† ..	21,442	11,261	10,181	4,724	4,992	6,213	5,513	10·44
1948 ..	21,825	11,503	10,322	4,367	5,368	6,672	5,418	10·44
1949 ..	21,991	11,803	10,188	4,606	5,525	6,707	5,153	10·28

* Not available.

† Excludes deaths of defence personnel from September, 1939 to June, 1947.

The death rate gradually declined from 18·44 in 1860-64 to 9·50 in 1930-34 but, during the quinquennium 1935-39, it rose to 10·23. This was followed by a further rise to 10·71 during the quinquennium 1940-44. There has been little fluctuation in the death rate since 1944, the rate in that year being 10·30. In 1949 the rate was 10·28.

The lowest death rate (8·93) in the history of the State was recorded in 1930.

The number of deaths (21,991) in 1949 was the highest on record for the State, and was 831 more than the average of the preceding five years.

In 1949 there were 1,159 male to every 1,000 female deaths, the average for the preceding five years being 1,097. The corresponding proportion of male to female births in the quinquennium was 1,056.

The following statement shows the death rate per 1,000 of the population in each of the Australian States and in New Zealand for each of the five years 1945 to 1949 :—

**DEATH RATES—AUSTRALIAN STATES AND NEW ZEALAND,
1945 TO 1949.**

Year.	Vic- toria.	New South Wales.	Queens- land.	South Aus- tralia.	Western Aus- tralia.	Tas- mania.	Aus- tralia.	New Zealand.
1945	10·21	9·25	8·79	9·64	9·66	9·71	9·50	10·07
1946	10·63	9·70	9·77	10·17	9·64	10·11	10·00	9·71
1947	10·44	9·53	9·15	9·62	9·39	9·17	9·63	9·39
1948	10·44	10·04	9·31	10·25	9·10	9·55	9·96	9·16
1949	10·28	9·43	8·85	9·45	8·99	8·76	9·51	9·09

In 1949 the death rate in England and Wales was 11·7.

Compiled on the basis of allotment of all deaths to the place of usual residence, the following table shows the number of deaths, and the deaths per 1,000 of the mean population in Greater Melbourne, in cities and principal towns outside Greater Melbourne, and in the remainder of the State, for the five-year periods 1928 to 1932, 1933 to 1937, 1938 to 1942, and for the year 1949 :—

**Death rates in
municipalities.**

DEATHS IN GREATER MELBOURNE, CITIES AND PRINCIPAL TOWNS OUTSIDE GREATER MELBOURNE, AND REMAINDER OF STATE.

Municipality.	Annual Number of Deaths.				Deaths per 1,000 of Mean Population.			
	1928-1932.	1933-1937.	1938-1942.	1949.	1928-1932.	1933-1937.	1938-1942.	1949.
Greater Melbourne—								
Melbourne	1,091	1,120	1,204	1,184	11.57	12.42	12.79	12.04
Box Hill	125	155	179	206	8.81	9.99	10.83	8.65
Braybrook (Part)	56	58	75	117	6.70	6.57	7.26	6.87
Brighton	272	316	366	425	9.22	10.33	10.61	10.25
Broadmeadows (Part)	†	†	†	64	..	..	..	6.53
Brunswick	532	560	601	581	9.57	10.30	10.88	9.90
Camberwell	430	494	641	803	8.87	9.49	10.07	9.93
Caulfield	552	656	767	836	8.72	9.87	10.69	10.18
Chelsea	63	83	93	118	9.24	12.02	12.48	8.87
Coburg	287	317	367	422	8.06	8.19	8.68	7.91
Collingwood	363	377	399	378	11.36	12.47	13.19	12.80
Essendon	429	484	543	597	9.30	10.46	11.12	10.56
Fitzroy	446	452	502	442	13.77	14.74	16.22	13.79
Footscray	402	425	487	539	8.79	9.12	9.24	9.92
Hawthorn	357	409	467	531	10.67	11.90	12.56	12.98
Heidelberg (Part)	193	210	257	261	7.91	8.66	9.31	9.80
Keilor (Part)	†	†	†	11	..	..	..	4.78
Kew	220	246	276	326	9.08	10.06	10.05	10.64
Malvern	404	489	562	615	9.28	11.07	12.15	12.40
Moorabbin	130	157	178	264	7.55	8.39	8.18	7.63
Mordialloc	85	94	126	130	8.86	9.67	11.87	8.22
Mulgrave	†	†	†	46	..	..	..	11.08
Northcote	369	408	450	456	8.77	9.59	10.30	10.03
Nunawading	†	†	†	100	..	..	..	8.67
Oakleigh	101	115	130	151	8.72	9.49	9.91	8.45
Port Melbourne	137	156	152	165	10.26	12.08	11.30	11.66
Prahran	628	662	757	793	11.96	12.56	13.49	13.14
Preston	242	267	306	393	8.20	8.29	8.25	8.24
Richmond	464	465	490	499	11.20	11.73	12.24	12.84
Ringwood	†	†	†	39	..	..	..	6.93
Sandringham	161	177	224	262	9.08	9.63	11.10	9.00
South Melbourne	486	507	548	530	11.09	11.78	12.55	12.15
St. Kilda	452	538	660	726	9.84	11.09	12.62	12.36
Williamstown	211	219	262	261	9.63	9.81	11.15	9.70
Cities and Principal Towns outside Greater Melbourne—								
Ballaarat	475	501	565	524	12.28	13.23	14.56	12.73
Bendigo	421	441	463	441	13.08	14.93	15.30	14.01
Geelong	455	463	484	501	10.40	11.70	11.90	10.90
Ararat	†	63	60	57	..	12.79	11.44	9.11
Castlemaine	73	64	69	80	10.61	12.20	12.87	13.65
Colac	†	54	63	87	..	10.42	10.70	12.87
Echuca	†	49	54	54	..	11.01	12.11	11.36
Hamilton	59	62	66	84	10.35	10.60	10.34	11.31
Horsham	†	62	60	62	..	11.72	10.45	9.12
Maryborough	59	73	74	74	10.66	12.98	12.75	11.46
Mildura	59	80	88	97	9.05	11.74	11.17	9.68
Sale	†	54	54	66	..	12.59	11.92	12.35
Shepparton	55	77	78	93	9.96	13.29	12.19	10.28
Stawell	51	53	64	75	10.87	10.98	13.19	14.75
Swan Hill	†	†	†	59	..	..	..	13.11
Wangaratta	†	62	62	89	..	12.31	11.27	11.72
Warrnambool	91	97	97	115	10.46	10.81	10.30	11.07
Wonthaggi	47	50	52	53	7.45	8.17	10.40	12.23
Summary—								
Greater Melbourne	9,688	10,616	12,069	13,371	9.74	10.56	11.24	10.49
Cities and Principal Towns outside Greater Melbourne	1,845	2,305	2,453	2,611	11.22	12.45	12.76	11.91
Remainder of State	5,311	5,469	5,841	6,009	8.53	8.44	9.11	9.32
Victoria	16,844	18,390	20,363	21,991	9.45	10.00	10.68	10.28

† Included in Remainder of State.

Deaths in
hospitals and
other public
institutions.

Particulars of the residence of persons who died in the public institutions of Victoria give a definite indication of the assistance rendered by such institutions to people in the various divisions of the State. The numbers and proportions of such deaths in the various municipalities are given below for 1949:—

VICTORIA—PROPORTION OF DEATHS OF RESIDENTS OF CERTAIN AREAS OCCURRING IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS, 1949.

Area.	Number of Deaths of Residents occurring in—		Percentage of Deaths of Residents occurring in—			Deaths of Residents occurring in Public Institutions per 1,000 of Population.
	Public Hospitals.	Other Public Institutions.	Public Hospitals.	Other Public Institutions.	Total Public Institutions.	
GREATER MELBOURNE—						
Melbourne	415	74	35·05	6·25	41·30	4·97
Box Hill	39	5	18·93	2·43	21·36	1·85
Braybrook (Part) ..	26	8	22·22	6·84	29·06	2·00
Brighton	72	25	16·94	5·88	22·82	2·34
Broadmeadows (Part)	15	1	23·44	1·56	25·00	1·63
Brunswick	146	50	25·13	8·60	33·73	3·34
Camberwell	130	37	16·19	4·61	20·80	2·07
Caulfield	152	43	18·18	5·14	23·32	2·38
Chelsea	21	1	17·80	0·85	18·65	1·65
Coburg	100	19	23·70	4·50	28·20	2·23
Collingwood	104	25	27·51	6·61	34·12	4·37
Essendon	131	39	21·94	6·53	28·47	3·01
Fitzroy	149	34	33·71	7·69	41·40	5·71
Footscray	139	35	25·79	6·49	32·28	3·20
Hawthorn	101	26	19·02	4·90	23·92	3·11
Heidelberg (Part) ..	100	20	27·70	5·54	33·24	3·26
Keilor (Part)	3	1	27·27	9·09	36·36	1·74
Kew	55	8	16·87	2·45	19·32	2·06
Malvern	89	35	14·47	5·69	20·16	2·50
Moorabbin	87	15	32·95	5·68	38·63	2·96
Mordialloc	23	6	17·69	4·62	22·31	1·83
Mulgrave	7	4	15·22	8·69	23·91	2·65
Northcote	122	27	26·75	5·92	32·67	3·28
Nunawading	22	1	22·00	1·00	23·00	1·99
Oakleigh	28	5	18·54	3·31	21·85	1·85
Port Melbourne	53	9	32·12	5·45	37·57	4·38
Prahran	177	56	22·32	7·06	29·38	3·86
Preston	97	33	24·68	8·40	33·08	2·72
Richmond	146	35	29·26	7·01	36·27	4·66
Ringwood	9	2	23·08	5·13	28·21	1·96
Sandringham	44	15	16·79	5·73	22·52	2·03
South Melbourne	147	41	27·73	7·74	35·47	4·31
St. Kilda	201	45	27·68	6·20	33·88	4·19
Williamstown	92	8	35·25	3·06	38·31	3·71

VICTORIA—PROPORTION OF DEATHS OF RESIDENTS OF CERTAIN AREAS
OCCURRING IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS, 1949—*continued*.

Area.	Number of Deaths of Residents occurring in—		Percentage of Deaths of Residents occurring in—			Deaths of Residents occurring in Public Institutions per 1,000 of Population.
	Public Hospitals.	Other Public Institutions.	Public Hospitals.	Other Public Institutions.	Total Public Institutions.	
CITIES AND PRINCIPAL TOWNS OUTSIDE GREATER MELBOURNE—						
Ballaarat	169	73	32·25	13·93	46·18	5·88
Bendigo	138	36	31·29	8·16	39·45	5·53
Geelong	179	39	35·73	7·78	43·51	4·74
Ararat	36	7	63·16	12·28	75·44	6·87
Castlemaine	39	7	48·75	8·75	57·50	7·85
Colac	47	4	54·02	4·60	58·62	7·54
Echuca	38	4	70·37	7·41	77·78	8·83
Hamilton	42	7	50·00	8·33	58·33	6·59
Horsham	30	6	48·39	9·67	58·06	5·30
Maryborough	45	7	60·81	9·46	70·27	8·06
Mildura	50	8	51·54	8·25	59·79	5·79
Sale	46	6	69·70	9·09	78·79	9·73
Shepparton	39	7	41·93	7·53	49·46	5·08
Stawell	44	7	58·67	9·33	68·00	10·03
Wangaratta	49	7	55·06	7·86	62·92	7·37
Warrnambool	51	8	44·35	6·95	51·30	5·68
Wonthaggi	29	5	54·72	9·43	64·15	7·84
SUMMARY—						
Greater Melbourne ..	3,242	788	24·25	5·89	30·14	3·16
Cities and Principal Towns outside Greater Melbourne	1,071	238	41·97	9·32	51·29	6·10
Remainder of State ..	1,944	228	32·03	3·76	35·79	3·35
Victoria	6,257	1,254	28·45	5·70	34·15	3·51

PERCENTAGE OF DEATHS OF RESIDENTS OF GREATER MELBOURNE, OF REMAINDER OF STATE AND OF VICTORIA, OCCURRING IN PUBLIC HOSPITALS IN CERTAIN PERIODS FROM 1910.

—	1910-14.	1920-24.	1925-29.	1930-34.	1948.	1949.
Greater Melbourne ..	24·3	27·0	29·5	27·7	23·3	24·2
Remainder of State ..	17·0	21·2	23·7	26·3	35·0	35·0
Victoria	20·4	24·3	27·0	27·1	27·7	28·4

In 1949 the number of deaths in all public institutions was 7,511, of which 4,030 were of residents of Greater Melbourne.

**Deaths in
metropolitan
public
institutions.**

The number of deaths in certain metropolitan public institutions in 1949 is given in the subjoined table:—

**VICTORIA—DEATHS IN CERTAIN METROPOLITAN
PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS, 1949.**

Institution.	No. of Deaths.	Institution.	No. of Deaths.
HOSPITALS—GENERAL—		SANATORIA—	
Royal Melbourne	967	Heatherton	11
Alfred	642	Greenvale	15
Hamilton Russell Com- munity	9	Gresswell	8
Children's	232	Health Department Annexe ..	8
St. Vincent's	621	Total Sanatoria	42
St. Vincent's Intermediate ..	12		
Austin	206	BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS—	
Heidelberg House	16	Melbourne (Cheltenham) Asylum	200
Women's	147	Mount Royal	123
Prince Henry's	338	Convent of Little Sisters of the Poor	58
Fairfield	63	Old Colonists' Homes	4
Queen Victoria	221	Total Benevolent Insti- tutions	385
Jessie McPherson Com- munity	15		
Williamstown	73	FOUNDLING HOMES, REFUGES—	
Caulfield Convale cent ..	59	Broadmeadows .. ..	..
Eye and Ear	9	Carlton .. ..	..
After Care Home	1	East Melbourne	1
Total General Hospitals ..	3,631	The Haven, Fitzroy	2
HOSPITALS—MENTAL—		Berwick .. ..	..
Janefield	1	Total Refuges, &c.	3
Kew	86	Total Hospitals and other Institutions	4,427
Mont Park	119		
Mental Hospital and Receiv- ing House, Royal Park ..	160		
Total Mental Hospitals ..	366		

Of the 4,427 deaths in the above institutions, 2,508 were of males and 1,919 were of females.

**Decrease in
metropolitan
death rate.** In Greater Melbourne, in the decade 1940-49, there was an average of 10·95 deaths per 1,000 of the population, as compared with 15·76 in the decennium 1892-1901. The reduction in the rate represents a saving of approximately 56,000 lives in the last ten years. A comparison of

the death rates from tubercular and certain other diseases for the period 1940-49 with those for the decennium 1892-1901 is shown in the following table :—

DEATH RATES—GREATER MELBOURNE.

Cause of Death.	Average Annual Deaths per 1,000,000 of Population.		
	1892-1901.	1940-49.	Decrease.
Pulmonary Tuberculosis ..	1,654	382	1,272
Other Tubercular Diseases ..	446	40	406
Typhoid Fever	293	3	290
Scarlet Fever	33	4	29
Measles	215	6	209
Diphtheria	196	17	179
Total	2,837	452	2,385

The figures show that the mortality from the six diseases mentioned declined by 84 per cent.—the decline representing a rate of 2,385 per million of the population.

The mortality from all causes showed a net decline of 4,810 per million of the population.

The mortality of children under one year, in proportion to births, reveals a constant decline since 1890—the deaths per 1,000 children born having fallen from 133 in 1885-89 to 25 in 1945-49—a reduction of 81 per cent. In other words, where 100 infants died in the earlier period, only 19 died in the latter.

The reduction has been contributed to by various health acts and educative measures, including the notification of infectious diseases, the regulation of the manufacture, sale, and distribution of foodstuffs and patent medicines, and the ensuring of a pure water supply. The passing of the Midwives Act in 1915 and the inauguration of the Infant Welfare movement in 1917 coincide with and, in a large degree, account for the reduction of the rate in latter years.

The infantile death rates for Greater Melbourne, for the remainder of the State, and for the whole State, for certain periods since 1879, are shown in the following table:—

VICTORIA—INFANTILE MORTALITY, 1880 TO 1949.

Period.	Greater Melbourne.		Remainder of State.		Victoria.	
	Average Annual Number of Deaths under One Year.	Rate per 1,000 Births.	Average Annual Number of Deaths under One Year.	Rate per 1,000 Births.	Average Annual Number of Deaths under One Year.	Rate per 1,000 Births.
1880-84 ..	1,649	170·1	1,626	92·3	3,275	120·0
1885-89 ..	2,576	178·5	1,812	97·9	4,388	133·3
1890-94 ..	2,311	140·4	1,926	94·9	4,237	114·7
1895-99 ..	1,650	131·5	1,913	100·0	3,563	112·5
1900-04 ..	1,417	116·5	1,565	86·2	2,982	98·2
1905-09 ..	1,209	96·5	1,307	71·5	2,516	81·2
1910-14 ..	1,345	84·2	1,201	64·9	2,546	73·8
1915-19 ..	1,302	76·2	886	55·4	2,188	66·1
1920-24 ..	1,328	71·6	1,024	58·6	2,352	65·3
1925-29 ..	1,034	58·4	863	50·2	1,897	54·4
1930-34 ..	674	47·3	618	40·7	1,292	43·9
1935-39 ..	543	37·9	574	37·9	1,117	37·9
1940-44 ..	738	36·4	594	37·5	1,332	36·8
1945 ..	637	26·9	518	29·6	1,155	28·0
1946 ..	729	27·0	539	27·3	1,268	27·2
1947 ..	725	26·8	520	25·6	1,245	26·3
1948 ..	605	23·8	498	24·1	1,103	23·9
1949 ..	519	20·3	507	23·8	1,026	21·9

The practice was introduced in 1923 of allotting all births and deaths to the place of usual residence of the parties. In the cases of births and infantile deaths the mother's residence is considered to be that of the child. This accounts for the slight increase in the rate for the remainder of the State in the period 1920-24, and the corresponding decrease in the rate for the metropolis.

During the period 1937-49 the infantile death rate was subject to considerable fluctuation. In 1937 it fell below 40 per 1,000 births for the first time on record. The rate in 1937 was 36·7; in 1942, the highest rate (41·6) for the period was experienced. Each year after 1942 a decrease was recorded, and new low records were established in each year of the period 1944-49. The rate in 1949 was 21·9.

Infantile deaths in municipalities. Deaths of infants under one year of age, and the deaths per 1,000 births in Greater Melbourne, in cities and principal towns outside Greater Melbourne, and in the remainder

of the State for the five-year periods 1933-37, 1938-42, and for the years 1947, 1948, and 1949 were as follows:—

INFANTILE DEATHS IN GREATER MELBOURNE, IN CITIES AND PRINCIPAL TOWNS OUTSIDE GREATER MELBOURNE, AND IN REMAINDER OF STATE.

Municipality.	Annual Number of Deaths under One Year.					Deaths under One Year per 1,000 Births.				
	1933-1937.	1938-1942.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1933-1937.	1938-1942.	1947.	1948.	1949.
Greater Melbourne—										
Melbourne ..	55	53	70	45	34	48.45	42.25	35.70	25.20	18.99
Box Hill ..	8	10	15	20	7	38.25	32.77	28.09	35.71	11.15
Braybrook (Part) ..	8	7	15	8	3	49.68	36.36	40.98	19.37	6.37
Brighton ..	11	16	22	17	14	30.15	29.57	26.16	22.61	20.09
Broadmeadows (Part)	†	†	8	8	6	..	..	39.21	36.04	22.64
Brunswick ..	32	37	37	29	27	40.23	39.61	27.73	24.70	23.24
Camberwell ..	26	39	18	35	35	33.74	31.90	12.09	23.30	22.71
Caulfield ..	27	37	55	28	29	33.47	33.55	32.24	19.49	20.35
Chelsea ..	5	4	15	9	3	43.12	26.96	45.73	25.71	9.09
Coburg ..	26	27	35	15	28	40.88	34.80	31.27	14.22	23.99
Collingwood ..	28	22	20	18	15	57.27	43.75	28.13	28.94	25.13
Essendon ..	23	30	28	31	25	40.51	37.29	23.83	24.74	21.35
Fitzroy ..	26	27	18	26	18	56.98	52.04	23.47	36.16	27.23
Footscray ..	29	34	38	41	20	40.99	39.66	29.18	34.20	17.14
Hawthorn ..	18	22	20	10	17	44.31	38.76	21.88	12.55	22.25
Heidelberg (Part)	11	18	17	12	17	32.37	37.83	21.38	15.00	19.10
Keilor (Part) ..	†	†	1	1	..	..	..	25.00	17.86	..
Kew ..	9	13	11	14	4	30.32	33.14	19.16	25.78	7.59
Malvern ..	17	19	21	20	14	35.71	32.55	21.58	24.18	16.57
Moorabbin ..	14	16	21	21	24	37.93	35.86	28.65	25.24	23.98
Mordialloc ..	7	8	9	10	15	54.55	39.27	23.19	26.53	38.27
Mulgrave ..	†	†	3	4	3	..	..	24.19	25.48	20.27
Northcote ..	24	24	23	9	11	41.65	35.87	22.95	10.20	13.45
Nunawading ..	†	†	6	8	5	..	..	24.49	23.67	13.74
Oakleigh ..	9	6	12	12	3	43.36	23.00	27.90	28.99	6.45
Port Melbourne ..	11	7	8	7	3	56.91	36.24	26.49	22.36	11.28
Prahran ..	29	27	31	27	14	46.44	33.08	24.64	23.87	13.35
Preston ..	23	28	28	27	31	40.29	39.66	24.67	26.89	28.11
Richmond ..	29	25	20	14	26	49.27	38.79	23.15	17.74	32.42

† Included in remainder of State.

INFANTILE DEATHS IN GREATER MELBOURNE, IN CITIES AND PRINCIPAL TOWNS OUTSIDE GREATER MELBOURNE, AND IN REMAINDER OF STATE—*continued.*

Municipality.	Annual Number of Deaths under One Year.					Deaths under One Year per 1,000 Births.				
	1933-1937.	1938-1942.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1933-1937.	1938-1942.	1947.	1948.	1949.
Greater Melbourne—<i>continued.</i>										
Ringwood ..	†	†	2	2	5	..	..	12·99	12·74	25·64
Sandringham ..	9	10	13	15	15	37·04	30·62	20·87	24·08	22·56
South Melbourne ..	30	28	30	20	15	54·77	46·46	34·09	25·87	20·38
St. Kilda ..	22	31	42	34	24	43·78	43·27	35·47	30·63	24·00
Williamstown ..	13	14	13	8	9	38·63	35·64	22·61	16·49	20·59
Cities and Principal Towns outside Greater Melbourne—										
Ballaarat ..	25	29	21	17	17	41·62	46·05	23·89	17·73	18·10
Bendigo ..	22	24	21	17	18	40·32	42·73	25·99	23·42	25·28
Geelong ..	34	30	27	23	21	48·77	41·32	26·26	22·31	19·23
Ararat ..	4	2	2	6	3	40·85	21·15	14·71	40·82	21·90
Castlemaine ..	4	3	3	6	4	38·62	32·69	24·19	52·63	36·70
Colac ..	5	4	7	4	2	45·63	28·71	39·11	20·20	10·15
Echuca ..	6	3	5	3	3	62·50	31·89	38·76	25·22	25·64
Hamilton ..	4	5	9	9	7	37·61	34·68	38·79	49·72	34·15
Horsham ..	5	4	3	4	4	40·95	31·90	19·74	26·66	24·24
Maryborough ..	5	4	2	3	1	41·59	35·12	13·70	21·58	6·54
Mildura ..	8	8	7	5	7	37·68	30·72	22·58	16·95	23·33
Sale ..	2	3	4	6	4	27·97	30·36	26·49	37·26	23·26
Shepparton ..	8	8	5	5	8	54·50	45·65	21·19	19·38	30·77
Stawell ..	4	3	7	2	3	47·06	30·52	71·43	17·86	22·90
Swan Hill ..	†	†	8	5	2	..	..	66·66	40·98	16·26
Wangaratta ..	7	8	8	5	8	63·91	66·56	41·45	21·37	36·70
Warrnambool ..	6	7	6	6	9	34·32	35·97	21·50	22·22	35·86
Wonthaggi ..	5	3	2	9	3	50·66	40·72	18·52	10·11	27·78
Summary—										
Greater Melbourne	579	639	725	605	519	42·55	37·24	26·82	23·77	20·27
Cities and Principal Towns outside Greater Melbourne	154	148	147	135	124	43·95	39·65	27·69	25·45	23·01
Remainder of State	437	438	373	363	383	38·24	37·38	24·82	23·66	24·11
Victoria ..	1,170	1,225	1,245	1,103	1,026	41·00	37·55	26·28	23·93	21·89

† Included in remainder of State.

Infantile
mortality at
certain
ages.

The decrease in the infantile death rate, since the earlier periods, has been shared proportionally by each age-group except that of "under one week". The rate per 1,000 births for infants "under one week" has varied from 21.5 in the quinquennium 1910-14 to 22.7 in 1925-29 and 15.9 in 1945-49. The rate for infants "one week and under one month" declined from 11.1 in 1910-14 to 2.9 in 1945-49, a decrease of 74 per cent., and that for infants "one month and under one year" from 41.2 to 6.6, a decrease of 84 per cent. Between the ages of one month and one year Victoria lost 64 out of every 1,000 children born in 1900-04, 33 in 1915-19, and seven in 1945-49. In 1949 the mortality of infants "under one week" comprised 65 per cent. of the total infantile mortality.

The rate for male infants is consistently higher than that for females, and in 1945-49 exceeded the female rate by 27.3 per cent.

The tables which follow show the proportion of deaths of infants at various ages under one year for certain periods since 1899, and the male and the female death rates at each age period for the year 1949 :—

VICTORIA—INFANTILE MORTALITY AT CERTAIN AGES, 1900 TO 1949.

Period.		Deaths Under One Year per 1,000 Births.							
		Under One Week.	One Week and under One Month.	One Month and under Three Months.	Three Months and under Six Months.	Six Months and under Twelve Months.	Total under One Year.	Males.	Females.
1900-04	..	34.4		16.9	21.0	25.9	98.2	105.7	90.4
1905-09	..	33.0		13.8	15.1	19.3	81.2	89.3	72.6
1910-14	..	21.5	11.1	12.1	12.4	16.7	73.8	81.8	65.3
1915-19	..	23.3	10.1	10.5	9.4	12.8	66.1	73.0	58.7
1920-24	..	23.7	9.3	9.8	10.0	12.5	65.3	71.8	58.5
1925-29	..	22.7	7.7	6.9	6.7	10.4	54.4	60.7	47.6
1930-34	..	22.3	5.5	4.8	4.6	6.7	43.9	49.2	38.4
1935-39	..	21.1	5.1	3.7	2.9	5.1	37.9	42.0	33.6
1940-44	..	19.8	5.6	4.0	3.2	4.2	36.8	41.0	32.5
1945	..	17.6	3.5	2.4	1.9	2.6	28.0	31.6	24.3
1946	..	16.8	3.4	2.4	2.1	2.5	27.2	29.0	25.2
1947	..	16.3	3.3	2.4	2.0	2.3	26.3	29.7	22.6
1948	..	14.6	2.5	2.3	1.9	2.6	23.9	27.2	20.5
1949	..	14.2	2.1	1.8	1.5	2.3	21.9	24.6	19.0

VICTORIA—INFANTILE MORTALITY AT CERTAIN AGES, MALES AND FEMALES, 1949.

Age.	Males.			Females.		
	Number.	Rate per 1,000 Births.	Percentage at each Age.	Number.	Rate per 1,000 Births.	Percentage at each Age.
Under 1 week ..	385	16·02	65·14	280	12·25	64·37
1 week and under 1 month ..	56	2·33	9·48	42	1·84	9·65
1 month and under 3 months ..	56	2·33	9·48	29	1·27	6·67
3 months and under 6 months ..	36	1·50	6·09	32	1·40	7·36
6 months and under 12 months ..	58	2·42	9·81	52	2·28	11·95
Total under one year ..	591	24·60	100·00	435	19·04	100·00

An examination of the principal causes of infantile mortality over a period of years and at various ages reveals the direction in which improvement has been achieved, and discloses those causes and factors to which future investigations need to be directed if the decline in the rate is to be maintained. The infant mortality rates from the principal causes for certain periods since 1890 and for the years 1947, 1948 and 1949 are shown in the next two tables.

VICTORIA—INFANTILE DEATH RATES FROM CERTAIN CAUSES.

Cause of Death.	Deaths under One Year per 1,000 Births in—						
	1891-93.	1901-10.	1911-20.	1921-30.	1947.	1948.	1949.
Epidemic, Endemic, and Infectious Diseases ..	12·41	7·31	4·87	3·57	0·61	0·96	0·52
Bronchitis, Broncho-pneumonia, Pneumonia ..	11·37	8·13	6·86	6·08	3·31	2·95	2·54
Diarrhoeal Diseases ..	29·66	24·62	16·13	9·85	0·99	1·15	0·70
Congenital Malformations (157) ..	3·45	4·86	4·38	4·43	3·48	3·17	3·37
Congenital Debility (158) ..	22·24	12·74	13·09	6·77	0·36	0·37	0·38
Prematurity (159) ..	13·13	14·99	15·17	15·34	9·23	7·63	7·23
Injury at Birth (160) ..				2·57	2·93	3·27	2·79
Other Diseases of Early Infancy (161) ..	21·51	12·77	7·98	3·42	2·77	2·54	2·41
Other Diseases ..				4·42	1·73	1·24	1·54
Violence ..	3·16	2·47	1·07	0·80	0·87	0·67	0·41
Total, all Causes ..	116·93	87·89	69·55	57·25	26·28	23·93	21·89

**VICTORIA—INFANTILE DEATH RATES, AT VARIOUS AGES,
FROM CERTAIN CAUSES, 1949.**

Cause of Death.	Deaths under One Year per 1,000 Births.								
	Age Period.						Total.	Males.	Females.
	Under 1 Week.	1 Week and under 1 Month.	1 Month and under 3 Months.	3 Months and under 6 Months.	6 Months and under 12 Months.				
Epidemic, Endemic, and Infectious Diseases ..	..	..	0.13	0.13	0.26	0.52	0.42	0.61	0.78
Bronchitis, Broncho-pneu- monia, Pneumonia ..	0.60	0.36	0.43	0.38	0.77	2.54	2.71	2.36	3.13
Diarrhoeal Diseases ..	0.02	0.19	0.11	0.19	0.19	0.70	0.83	0.57	1.01
Congenital Malformations (157) ..	1.41	0.66	0.55	0.34	0.41	3.37	3.79	2.93	3.42
Congenital Debility (158) ..	0.26	0.02	0.10	..	..	0.38	0.46	0.31	0.44
Prematurity (159) ..	6.87	0.23	0.11	0.02	..	7.23	8.32	6.08	8.40
Injury at Birth (160) ..	2.66	0.09	0.02	..	0.02	2.79	3.16	2.41	3.17
Other Diseases of early Infancy (161) ..	2.15	0.24	0.02	..	..	2.41	2.71	2.10	2.85
Other Diseases ..	0.11	0.26	0.23	0.39	0.55	1.54	1.83	1.23	1.48
Violence ..	0.11	0.04	0.11	..	0.15	0.41	0.37	0.44	0.72
Total, all causes ..	14.19	2.09	1.81	1.45	2.35	21.89	24.60	19.04	25.40
Average Annual Rate, 1945-49 ..	15.88	2.94	2.25	1.88	2.45	25.40	28.36	22.27	..

The mortality of infants under one year from pre-natal causes (malformations, congenital debility, prematurity, injury at birth, &c.) was 18.3 per 1,000 births in the period 1945-49 and represented 72 per cent. of the total infant deaths. Variations in classification in the earlier years prevent exact comparison but no appreciable decline is evident. The rate in 1949 was 16.2 of which 83 per cent. occurred in the first week of life.

The mortality from the chief preventable diseases—infectious, respiratory, and diarrhoeal—has declined from 40·1 per 1,000 births in 1901-10 to 27·9 in 1911-20 and 4·9 in 1945-49. Deaths from diarrhoeal diseases declined from 24·6 per 1,000 births in 1901-10 to 1·0 in 1945-49, the main respiratory diseases from 8·1 to 3·1 and the infectious from 7·3 to 0·8. It will thus be seen that, since the beginning of the century, mortality of infants from diarrhoeal diseases has been reduced by 96 per cent., the main respiratory diseases by 62 per cent., and the infectious by 89 per cent. Respiratory diseases have displaced diarrhoeal as the most fatal of the preventable infantile diseases. With a few exceptions the mortality rate of males from infantile diseases is consistently higher than that of females.

The following table shows the number of deaths from the principal causes, and the death rate of infants under one month, for Greater Melbourne and the whole State, for the years 1945 to 1949 :—

VICTORIA—DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE MONTH,
1945 TO 1949.

GREATER MELBOURNE AND WHOLE STATE.

Cause of Death.	Greater Melbourne.					Victoria.				
	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
Epidemic, Endemic, and Infectious Diseases	2	2	1	..	..	2	4	1	..	..
Bronchitis, Broncho-pneumonia, Pneumonia	39	49	36	32	26	49	67	63	58	45
Diarrhoeal Diseases	8	12	11	6	8	11	15	15	9	10
Malformations, &c. (157) ..	55	54	69	44	42	102	113	114	86	97
Wasting Diseases (158) ..	4	12	3	4	4	17	22	14	13	13
Prematurity (159)	211	218	261	194	163	393	386	434	350	333
Injury at Birth (160)	78	92	71	82	69	140	155	138	149	129
Other Diseases of Early Infancy (161)	78	88	69	50	53	134	152	124	109	112
Other Diseases	10	6	13	5	10	16	16	20	9	17
Violence	3	9	3	6	3	6	13	5	7	7
Total, all Causes	488	542	537	423	378	870	943	928	790	763
Deaths per 1,000 Births..	20·6	20·1	19·9	16·6	14·8	21·1	20·2	19·6	17·1	16·3

Stillbirths and infantile mortality. A survey of the mortality from pre-natal causes is not complete without taking into account the loss due to stillbirths. In Victoria stillbirths are not registered, but, in accordance with the provisions of the Cemeteries Act and of the (Commonwealth) *Social Services Consolidation Act*, 1947, cases are notified to registrars. After careful inquiry it can be stated that the percentage of stillbirths not notified is very small.

The following table contains information relating to stillbirths and infantile mortality in Victoria:—

VICTORIA—STILLBIRTHS (RECORDED) AND INFANT MORTALITY, 1940 TO 1949.

Year.	Percentage of Stillbirths to—		Deaths of Infants under One Year per 1,000 Births.			
	Living Births.	All Births.	Exclusive of Stillbirths.			*Inclusive of Stillbirths.
			Under One Month.	One Month and under Twelve Months.	Total under One Year.	
1940 ..	2.8	2.7	26.5	13.0	39.5	65.6
1941 ..	2.8	2.7	26.0	10.2	36.2	62.1
1942 ..	2.6	2.5	27.7	13.9	41.6	66.3
1943 ..	2.6	2.5	23.9	11.9	35.8	60.4
1944 ..	2.3	2.3	23.1	8.9	32.0	54.2
1945 ..	2.4	2.3	21.1	6.9	28.0	50.6
1946 ..	2.2	2.1	20.2	7.0	27.2	48.0
1947 ..	2.0	2.0	19.6	6.7	26.3	45.4
1948 ..	2.0	1.9	17.1	6.8	23.9	42.7
1949 ..	1.9	1.9	16.3	5.6	21.9	40.5

* In the computation of the rates for the numbers inclusive of stillbirths, the latter are taken into account in both births and deaths.

Nuptial and ex-nuptial infantile death rates. On the average of the last ten years, 47 in every 1,000 ex-nuptial infants died within a year, as against 30 in every 1,000 nuptial children. The proportion of ex-nuptial children who died before the age of one year is, therefore, 1.6 times that of nuptial children. In the year 1949 the mortality rate of nuptial infants was 21.4 per 1,000 births. Births and deaths of ex-nuptial children numbered 1,534 and 56 respectively, the death rate being thus 36.5 per 1,000 births. The mortality rates of the two classes are shown in the following table:—

VICTORIA—DEATH RATES OF NUPTIAL AND EX-NUPTIAL INFANTS FROM CERTAIN CAUSES.

Cause of Death.	Deaths under One Year per 1,000 Births.							
	Nuptial.				Ex-Nuptial.			
	1904-08.	1914-18.	1924-28.	1949.	1904-08.	1914-18.	1924-28.	1949.
Bronchitis, Broncho-pneumonia, Pneumonia ..	6·9	6·1	5·9	2·4	18·6	12·5	13·0	6·5
Diarrhoeal Diseases ..	19·8	14·2	8·9	0·7	72·6	48·6	23·1	2·0
Prematurity, Congenital Malformations, Marasmus, &c.* ..	30·3	27·2	25·0	10·8	52·1	64·9	46·9	16·9
Other Causes ..	18·3	15·3	14·7	7·5	58·7	36·6	29·3	11·1
Total, all Causes	75·3	62·8	54·5	21·4	202·0	162·6	112·3	36·5

* Not including "Injury at Birth" and "Other Diseases peculiar to Early Infancy".

The rates for the last five years show that, of every 1,000 children born out of wedlock, 3·8 died from diarrhoeal diseases within a year, as compared with 0·9 deaths per 1,000 nuptial infants from the same cause. The rates from the respiratory diseases (bronchitis, broncho-pneumonia, and pneumonia) for ex-nuptial and nuptial children were 5·1 and 3·1 per 1,000 births respectively.

In 1949 pre-natal causes (malformations, congenital debility, prematurity, injury at birth, &c.) accounted for 35 deaths, or 63 per cent. of the total deaths of ex-nuptial infants.

The following statement shows the infantile death rate per 1,000 births in each of the Australian States and New Zealand for the years 1945 to 1949:—

INFANTILE DEATH RATE—AUSTRALIAN STATES AND NEW ZEALAND, 1945 TO 1949.

Year.	Vic-toria.	New South Wales.	Queens-land.	South Aus-tralia.	Western Aus-tralia.	Tas-man-ia.	Aus-tralia.	New Zealand.
1945..	28·03	30·63	29·76	28·08	29·52	27·48	29·38	27·99
1946..	27·16	30·22	29·27	27·07	31·06	30·23	29·01	26·10
1947..	26·28	29·81	30·82	24·27	30·92	27·31	28·52	25·04
1948..	23·93	30·30	27·96	29·74	25·60	27·65	27·77	21·95
1949..	21·89	27·29	24·72	27·68	26·42	23·91	25·31	23·78

In the year 1949 the infantile mortality rates recorded for the Australian States showed that Victoria had the lowest rate and South Australia the highest.

Deaths of
children
under 5
years.

In 1949 the deaths of male and of female children in Victoria under 5 years of age numbered 732 and 534 respectively.

Ages at
death.

The ages of males and of females who died in each of the years 1947 to 1949 are shown in the following table:—

VICTORIA—AGES AT DEATH, 1947 TO 1949.

Ages.	1947.			1948.			1949.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Under 1 year..	725	529	1,254	641	462	1,103	591	435	1,026
1 year ..	54	39	93	53	52	105	51	46	97
2 years ..	35	18	53	45	25	70	39	22	61
3 years ..	29	15	44	20	16	36	33	16	49
4 years ..	25	13	38	21	11	32	18	15	33
5 to 9 years	92	38	130	66	46	112	68	49	117
10 „ 14 „	47	34	81	55	33	88	42	30	72
15 „ 19 „	103	69	163	88	28	116	89	43	132
20 „ 24 „	141	105	246	140	74	214	145	76	221
25 „ 29 „	131	109	240	122	92	214	156	78	234
30 „ 34 „	142	140	282	151	124	275	133	192	235
35 „ 39 „	183	153	336	191	149	340	225	157	382
40 „ 44 „	295	206	501	264	201	465	282	204	486
45 „ 49 „	398	320	718	424	299	723	469	325	794
50 „ 54 „	676	491	1,167	621	539	1,160	619	461	1,079
55 „ 59 „	926	646	1,572	940	630	1,570	968	646	1,614
60 „ 64 „	1,146	820	1,966	1,178	803	1,981	1,224	822	2,046
65 „ 69 „	1,302	1,022	2,324	1,376	989	2,365	1,431	1,040	2,471
70 „ 74 „	1,335	1,242	2,577	1,453	1,284	2,737	1,465	1,321	2,786
75 „ 79 „	1,492	1,537	3,029	1,514	1,640	3,154	1,494	1,488	2,982
80 „ 84 „	1,129	1,420	2,549	1,247	1,509	2,756	1,242	1,469	2,711
85 „ 89 „	659	894	1,553	678	946	1,624	792	947	1,739
90 „ 94 „	166	288	454	182	326	508	186	333	519
95 years ..	15	15	30	10	11	21	15	27	42
96 „ ..	6	13	19	7	12	19	7	9	16
97 „ ..	1	9	10	4	9	13	4	13	17
98 „ ..	1	4	5	7	5	12	7	7	14
99 „ ..	..	5	5	2	4	6	4	7	11
100 „ ..	2	1	3	2	..	2	1	..	1
101 „ ..	..	2	2	..	..	..	1	..	2
102 „ ..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	1
104 „ ..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..
105 „ ..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Unknown ..	5	1	6	1	..	1	1	..	1
Total ..	11,261	10,181	21,442	11,503	10,322	21,825	11,803	10,188	21,991

Of the 65,258 persons who died in Victoria during the last three years 14,676 (or approximately 22 per cent.) were aged 80 years and upwards, and 15—seven males and eight females—were stated as having attained or passed the age of 100 years. In 1899 deaths of persons aged 80 years and over represented about 7 per cent. of the total deaths in that year.

The changes that have occurred in the age distribution of the population over the last 50 years are reflected in the above figures.

The causes of death in Victoria and in Greater Melbourne according to the international abridged classification (1938 revision) for the year 1949 are shown in the following table:—

International Abridged Classification. (Detailed List Numbers in Parentheses.)	Deaths—1949.			
	Victoria.		Greater Melbourne.	
	Number.	Deaths per Million of Population.	Number.	Deaths per Million of Population.
1. Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers (1, 2) ..	..	..	..	..
2. Plague (3) .. .. .	..	..	..	..
3. Scarlet Fever (8) .. .. .	..	..	..	..
4. Whooping Cough (9)	8	3.74	3	2.35
5. Diphtheria (10)	17	7.95	11	8.63
6. Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System (13)	541	252.95	366	287.13
7A. Tuberculosis of the Meninges and Central Nervous System (14)	12	5.61	7	5.49
7B. All other forms of Tuberculosis (15-22) ..	34	15.90	18	14.12
8. Malaria (28) .. .. .	..	..	..	..
9. Syphilis (30)	121	56.57	92	72.17
10A. Influenza with Respiratory Complications (33A)	13	6.08	9	7.06
10B. Influenza without Respiratory Complica- tions (33B)	9	4.21	5	3.92
11. Smallpox (34) .. .. .	..	..	..	..
12. Measles (35)	12	5.61	3	2.35
13. Typhus Fever (39) .. .. .	..	..	..	..
14. Other Infectious or Parasitic Diseases ..	155	72.47	91	71.39
15. Cancer and other Malignant Tumours (45-55)	3,112	1,455.05	1,963	1,539.97
16. Non-malignant Tumours or Tumours of Undetermined Nature (56-57)	61	28.52	35	27.46
17. Chronic Rheumatism and Gout (59, 60) ..	63	29.46	30	23.53
18. Diabetes Mellitus (61)	459	214.61	295	231.43
19. Chronic or Acute Alcoholism (77)	17	7.95	17	13.34
20. Vitamin-deficiency Diseases, other General Diseases, Diseases of the Blood, and Chronic Poisonings	252	117.83	146	114.54
21. Meningitis (non-meningococcal and Diseases of the Medulla and Spinal Cord) (81, 82)	63	29.46	38	29.81
22. Intra-cranial Lesions of Vascular Origin (83)	2,488	1,163.30	1,565	1,227.74
23. Other Diseases of the Nervous System and Sense Organs	163	76.21	96	75.31
24. Disease of the Heart (90-95)	7,160	3,347.74	4,374	3,431.40
25. Other Diseases of the Circulatory System	673	314.67	436	342.04
26A. Acute Bronchitis (106A and C)	29	13.56	13	10.20
26B. Chronic Bronchitis (106B and D)	168	78.55	105	82.37
27. Pneumonia and Broncho-pneumonia (107- 109)	1,175	549.38	748	586.80
28. Other Diseases of the Respiratory System	285	133.25	158	123.95
29A. Diarrhoea and Enteritis (under two years of age) (119)	37	17.30	23	18.04
29B. Diarrhoea and Enteritis (two years and over) (120)	40	18.70	19	14.91
30. Appendicitis (121)	45	21.04	20	15.69

International Abridged Classification. (Detailed List Numbers in Parentheses.)	Deaths—1949.			
	Victoria.		Greater Melbourne.	
	Number.	Deaths per Million of Population.	Number.	Deaths per Million of Population.
31A. Cirrhosis of Liver (124) ..	148	69·20	109	85·51
31B. Other Diseases of the Liver and Biliary Passages (125-127) ..	118	55·17	68	53·35
32A. Hernia, Intestinal Obstruction (122) ..	157	73·41	87	68·25
32B. Other Diseases of the Digestive System ..	307	143·54	187	146·70
33. Nephritis (130-132) ..	1,064	497·48	661	518·55
34. Other Diseases of the Genito-urinary sys- tem (133-139) ..	343	160·37	195	152·98
35. Puerperal Infection (140,147) ..	12	5·61	8	6·28
36. Other Diseases of Pregnancy, Childbirth, and the Puerperium (141-146, 148-150) ..	29	13·56	15	11·77
37. Diseases of the Skin, Cellular Tissue, Bones, and Organs of Movement (151-156) ..	40	18·70	25	19·61
38. Congenital Malformations and Debility, Premature Birth, and Diseases peculiar to the First Year of Life (157-161) ..	815	381·06	409	320·86
39. Senility, Old-age (162) ..	520	243·13	289	226·72
40. Suicide (163, 164) ..	158	73·87	97	76·10
41. Homicide (165-168) ..	6	2·81	1	0·78
42. Automobile Accidents (all motor-driven road vehicles) (170) ..	461	215·54	258	202·40
43. Other Violent or Accidental Deaths ..	557	260·43	257	201·61
44. Causes of Death Ill-defined, Unknown, or Unspecified (199, 200) ..	44	20·57	19	14·91
	21,991	10,282·12	13,371	10,489·52

In 1949 there were no deaths from typhoid fever. Rates per million of population were 2·4 in 1948; 1·5 in 1947, 1·0 in 1946, 3·0 in 1945, 31 in 1920-24, 108 in 1905-09, and 301 in 1895-99. Cases of typhoid fever reported in 1949 numbered 15 or 7 per million of population, as against 15 per million in 1948, 10 in 1947, 11 in 1946, 11 in 1945, 8 in 1944, 238 in 1943, 8 in 1942, 259 in 1920-24, 1,254 in 1905-09, and 2,884 in 1895-99.

The Moorabbin outbreak accounted for 433 of the typhoid fever cases in 1943, and was responsible for 23 deaths.

In Victoria, in the last ten years, scarlet fever reached its highest incidence in 1944, when 7,824 cases were reported. Since that year it has declined considerably, and in 1949 a new low level of incidence was reported. Both the case fatality, and the mortality per million of population are very low.

There were no deaths from scarlet fever in 1949. Rates per million of population were 0·5 in 1948, 0·5 in 1947, 1·5 in 1946, 2 in 1945, and 4 in 1944. During 1949 there were 1,260 cases reported, as against 1,546 in 1948, 1,851 in 1947, 3,282 in 1946, 2,710 in 1945, and 7,824 in 1944.

For the five years 1945-49 the deaths were less than 1 per cent. of the cases. Fifty-six per cent. of these deaths were of children under ten years of age.

Whooping Cough. Whooping cough was responsible for 8 deaths in 1949, which equalled a rate of 4 per million of the population at all ages, as compared with rates of 10 in 1948, 3 in 1947, 5 in 1946, and 7 in 1945. The infantile death rate is more affected than the general rate by this ailment, as it is practically confined to children. In the year under review 6 of the deaths were of infants under 1 year of age.

Diphtheria. A very great reduction has taken place since 1890 in the proportion of diphtheria cases which ended fatally. On the average of the five years 1945 to 1949, 42 per cent. of those who died were under 5 years, and 75 per cent. were under 10 years of age.

The appended table shows for Victoria and Greater Melbourne the reported cases of and deaths from diphtheria, their proportions to the population, and the ratios of deaths to cases for certain periods since 1894:—

**DIPHTHERIA IN VICTORIA AND IN GREATER MELBOURNE,
1895 TO 1949.**

Period.			Annual Cases Reported.		Annual Deaths.		Deaths per 100 Cases Reported.
			Number.	Per 100,000 of Population.	Number.	Per 100,000 of Population.	
VICTORIA.							
1895-99	..	..	1,584	134·6	221	18·8	13·9
1900-04	..	..	1,680	139·0	159	13·2	9·5
1905-09	..	..	1,410	112·6	89	7·1	6·3
1910-14	..	..	4,612	339·1	212	15·6	4·6
1915-19	..	..	4,901	342·5	209	14·6	4·3
1920-24	..	..	5,739	364·6	179	11·4	3·1
1925-29	..	..	3,176	183·8	93	5·4	2·9
1930-34	..	..	5,645	312·1	124	6·8	2·2
1935-39	..	..	3,202	171·5	65	3·5	2·0
1940-44	..	..	1,590	81·4	45	2·3	2·8
1945	..	..	899	44·7	39	1·9	4·3
1946	..	..	496	24·5	17	0·8	3·4
1947	..	..	405	19·7	13	0·6	3·2
1948	..	..	397	19·0	10	0·5	2·5
1949	..	..	401	18·7	17	0·8	4·2

DIPHTHERIA IN VICTORIA AND IN GREATER MELBOURNE, 1895 TO 1949—continued.

Period.			Annual Cases Reported.		Annual Deaths.		Deaths per 100 Cases Reported.
			Number.	Per 100,000 of Population.	Number.	Per 100,000 of Population.	
GREATER MELBOURNE.							
1895-99	..	..	748	162·1	113	24·6	15·1
1900-04	..	..	686	136·9	58	11·6	8·5
1905-09	..	..	758	140·8	46	8·5	6·1
1910-14	..	..	2,343	374·3	114	18·3	4·9
1915-19	..	..	2,864	402·6	127	17·9	4·4
1920-24	..	..	2,555	314·6	78	9·7	3·1
1925-29	..	..	1,843	191·1	52	5·4	2·8
1930-34	..	..	3,151	315·9	68	6·8	2·1
1935-39	..	..	1,864	182·4	36	3·5	1·9
1940-44	..	..	914	80·9	25	2·2	2·8
1945	..	..	610	51·2	28	2·4	4·6
1946	..	..	276	23·3	11	0·9	4·0
1947	..	..	277	22·6	10	0·8	3·6
1948	..	..	280	22·5	9	0·7	3·2
1949	..	..	291	22·8	11	0·9	3·8

The incidence rate of 18·7 per 100,000 of population is the lowest on record in Victoria.

The cases of diphtheria which occurred in the metropolitan area, the three principal cities outside Greater Melbourne and in the remainder of the State in each of the five years 1945 to 1949, and their proportions to the respective populations for the period 1910-19 and the years 1947, 1948, and 1949 are given in the subjoined table:—

VICTORIA—CASES OF DIPHTHERIA.

Locality.	Reported Cases of Diphtheria.					Annual Cases per 10,000 of Population.			
	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1910-19.	1947.	1948.	1949.
Greater Melbourne	610	276	277	280	291	39·3	2·3	2·2	2·3
Ballaarat ..	4	5	2	3	2	24·3	0·5	0·7	0·5
Bendigo ..	29	21	7	9	9	84·6	2·3	2·9	2·9
Geelong ..	12	..	1	2	1	43·4	0·2	0·4	0·2
Remainder of State	244	194	118	103	98	25·7	1·7	1·4	1·3

Tuberculosis (all forms)

The number of deaths ascribed to tuberculosis during 1949 was 587, the rate per million of population being 274. This is the lowest rate recorded for Victoria.

Death rates from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The deaths from tuberculosis of the respiratory system in 1949 numbered 541—381 being of males and 160 of females—and equalled a rate of 253 per million of the population, as compared with rates of 278 in 1948, 298 in 1947, 321 in 1946, 323 in 1945, 340 in 1944, 660 in 1918-22, 855 in 1908-12, and 1,365 in 1890-92. In 1949 tuberculosis of the respiratory system was responsible for 92 per cent. of the total deaths from tuberculosis.

The rates of mortality for Victoria at the last seven census periods per 10,000 of each sex, in age groups, are shown in the following table:—

VICTORIA—DEATH RATES FROM TUBERCULOSIS OF THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM IN AGE GROUPS.

Age Group.	Annual Mortality from Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System per 10,000 of each Sex.						
	1880-82.	1890-92.	1900-02.	1910-12.	1920-22.	1932-34.	1946-48.
<i>Males.</i>							
Under 15 ..	1.74	0.90	0.38	0.46	0.42	.24	0.13
15 to 19 ..	6.88	5.41	5.06	3.71	2.67	1.07	0.35
20 to 24 ..	21.19	18.29	14.35	8.45	7.88	5.59	1.66
25 to 34 ..	30.33	23.70	20.31	13.11	9.70	5.44	2.20
35 to 44 ..	25.11	28.28	22.07	15.63	12.43	7.46	3.61
45 to 54 ..	28.65	31.17	25.05	18.07	13.94	9.05	7.13
55 to 64 ..	31.41	36.48	35.75	18.88	13.03	10.56	9.83
65 and upwards	18.08	25.40	31.07	13.55	8.65	7.80	11.89
All Ages ..	15.33	15.73	13.51	8.98	7.11	4.74	3.82
<i>Females.</i>							
Under 15 ..	1.76	1.43	0.93	0.97	0.38	0.23	0.15
15 to 19 ..	12.50	9.51	8.18	7.62	4.84	2.92	1.02
20 to 24 ..	21.00	18.49	12.79	12.68	10.20	6.60	2.79
25 to 34 ..	26.56	21.77	18.15	14.03	10.00	7.08	3.62
35 to 44 ..	24.06	22.53	17.74	11.51	9.15	5.26	3.02
45 to 54 ..	20.72	16.13	14.41	8.18	5.91	3.82	2.78
55 to 64 ..	14.26	12.35	12.52	7.47	4.95	3.78	2.19
65 and upwards	13.12	8.25	8.18	5.29	3.94	2.88	3.04
All Ages ..	12.75	11.51	9.72	7.61	5.55	3.70	2.18

A comparison of the mortality from tuberculosis of the respiratory system for the census periods 1932-34 and 1946-48 shows that, except in the age group 65 and upwards, lower death rates obtained in each age group in 1946-48 than in 1932-34.

Deaths from tuberculosis of the respiratory system at various ages. The number of deaths from tuberculosis of the respiratory system in each of the five years 1945 to 1949, and the ages and sexes of the deceased, are given in the next table:—

**VICTORIA—DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS OF THE
RESPIRATORY SYSTEM AT VARIOUS AGES.**

Age Group.	Males.					Females.				
	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
0-9	2	2	4	2	2	4	4	2	1	3
10-14 .. ..	..	1	..	1	..	..	2	..	2	..
15-19	10	4	1	3	1	13	9	10	4	1
20-24	13	21	14	6	3	36	24	29	17	15
25-29	22	11	13	17	16	35	39	26	26	13
30-34	24	22	24	17	19	31	29	26	30	21
35-39	38	28	22	22	23	28	29	26	25	22
40-44	27	33	30	27	31	34	19	16	15	15
45-49	43	45	43	44	34	9	19	15	16	13
50-54	54	58	43	35	38	12	18	17	24	9
55-59	37	47	46	46	54	11	10	13	12	8
60-64	43	51	51	43	61	16	12	7	15	10
65-69	33	40	48	37	46	11	14	8	11	12
70 and over ..	36	41	52	67	53	27	18	26	16	18
Total	382	404	391	367	381	267	246	221	214	160

For the year 1949, the average age of those who died from tuberculosis of the respiratory system was 55·1 years for males and 45·1 years for females.

Tubercular diseases (tuberculosis of the respiratory system excepted).

In 1949 there occurred in Victoria 46 deaths from tubercular diseases (excluding tuberculosis of the respiratory system). This number represented a rate of 21 per million of the population, as compared with rates of 29 in 1948, 32 in 1947, 30 in 1946, 40 in 1945, 37 in 1944, 134 in 1918-22, 182 in 1908-12, and 379 in 1890-92.

Tubercular death rates in Melbourne, Ballaarat, Bendigo, and Geelong.

In earlier periods, the death rate from tuberculosis was considerably higher in the Metropolis and in the mining centres of Ballaarat and Bendigo—Bendigo in particular—than in the rural portions of the State.

VICTORIA—DEATH RATES FROM TUBERCULAR DISEASES IN MELBOURNE, BALLAARAT, BENDIGO, AND GEELONG.

Period.	Deaths per 10,000 of the Population.											
	Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System.				Other Tubercular Diseases.				All Tubercular Diseases.			
	Greater Melbourne.	Ballaarat.	Bendigo.	Geelong.	Greater Melbourne.	Ballaarat.	Bendigo.	Geelong.	Greater Melbourne.	Ballaarat.	Bendigo.	Geelong.
1891-1900 ..	16·7	17·1	24·1	†	4·7	3·5	4·0	†	21·4	20·6	28·1	†
1901-05 ..	13·9	15·3	22·7	†	4·2	4·0	4·7	†	18·1	19·3	27·4	†
1906-10 ..	10·8	11·5	21·2	†	3·0	2·1	2·0	†	13·8	13·6	23·2	†
1911-15 ..	9·1	10·3	16·5	†	2·1	2·2	2·1	†	11·2	12·5	18·6	†
1916-20 ..	8·3	11·2	16·0	†	1·9	1·5	2·0	†	10·2	12·7	18·0	†
1921-25 ..	6·9	6·7	11·9	4·6	1·5	1·0	2·2	1·9	8·4	7·7	14·1	6·5
1926-30 ..	5·9	5·2	10·7	4·2	1·0	0·4	0·8	0·8	6·9	5·6	11·5	5·0
1945 ..	3·6	3·6	3·9	3·6	0·4	0·5	0·3	0·5	4·0	4·1	4·2	4·1
1946 ..	3·7	3·0	6·2	2·5	0·3	0·2	1·3	0·7	4·0	3·2	7·5	3·2
1947 ..	3·5	1·7	5·5	0·9	0·3	0·3	0·3	0·2	3·8	2·0	5·8	1·1
1948 ..	3·3	3·7	5·1	1·8	0·3	0·2	..	0·2	3·6	3·9	5·1	2·0
1949 ..	2·9	1·7	5·1	1·3	0·2	0·5	0·6	0·2	3·1	2·2	5·7	1·5

† Not available.

Influenza. The deaths from influenza in 1949 numbered 22. This corresponded to a rate of 10 per million of the population as compared with rates of 31 in 1948, 18 in 1947, 26 in 1946, 18 in 1945, 2,407 in 1919, 71 in 1913-17, 109 in 1908-12, and 381 in 1890-92.

The rate of mortality in 1949 was 57 per cent. below the rate of the previous quinquennium.

Of the deaths recorded in 1949, 59 per cent. were associated with specified respiratory complications.

Influenza has generally proved more fatal to elderly people than to those at middle or young ages. In the epidemic of 1919, however, 72 per cent. of the deaths were of persons between 20 and 50 years of age. In 1949, 41 per cent. of the deaths were of persons under 50 years of age.

Small-pox— During the years 1853 to 1949, only 31 deaths occurred
Deaths from. from this cause. The last death from small-pox in Victoria occurred in 1921.

Measles. Although the mortality from measles has varied very considerably from period to period, there has been no very severe epidemic since 1898, when 671 deaths resulted from the disease. There were 12 deaths from measles in 1949. Rates per million of population were 6 in 1949, 4 in 1948, 7 in 1947, 6 in 1946, and 7 in 1945. The disease chiefly affects children. For the five years 1945-49, 39 per cent. of those who died from the disease were under 2 years and 66 per cent. were under 5 years of age.

Other infectious and parasitic diseases. Deaths in 1949 from diseases included under this heading (cause No. 14, on page 170) were cerebro-spinal meningitis 16, tetanus 6, septicaemia 13, dysentery 8, acute poliomyelitis 48, acute infectious encephalitis 5, hydatid disease 12, Hodgkin's disease 27, and other diseases 20.

Cerebro-spinal Meningitis. Sixty-seven cases were reported in 1949.

Deaths from cerebro-spinal meningitis numbered 16 in 1949, 16 in 1948, 11 in 1947, 20 in 1946, 21 in 1945, 23 in 1944, and 76 in 1943.

Poliomyelitis (infantile paralysis). The incidence of Poliomyelitis in Victoria has been recorded since the year 1916, when the disease was added to the list of compulsorily notifiable diseases. The highest incidence (until the 1937-38 epidemic) was 303 cases in 1918. Seven years later, in 1925, 140 cases were reported. In the 1937-38 epidemic there were 2,096 cases, the number of deaths being 113. In the period 1940-48 the cases reported were 20 in 1940, 51 in 1941, 23 in 1942, 9 in 1943, 9 in 1944, 238 in 1945, 247 in 1946, 124 in 1947, and 55 in 1948. An epidemic of poliomyelitis occurred in the year 1949. Seven hundred and sixty cases were reported during the year, the incidence rate being 35.5 per 100,000 of population as compared with a rate of 2.6 in 1948.

Poliomyelitis was responsible for 48 deaths in 1949, 5 in 1948, 9 in 1947, 16 in 1946, 9 in 1945, 11 in 1944, 9 in 1943, 11 in 1942, 2 in 1941, and 7 in 1940.

Cancer—Death rates. Deaths from cancer in 1949 numbered 3,112, and represented a death rate of 1,455 per million of the whole population, as compared with rates of 1,385 in 1948, 1,416 in 1947, 1,400 in 1946, 1,367 in 1945, 1,331 in 1944, 934 in 1918-22, 833 in 1908-12, and 584 in 1890-92.

Cancer—Death Rates at different Ages. Cancer death rates, computed in relation to the general population in earlier and in later periods, are not comparable owing to the changed age distribution of the people. Satisfactory comparisons are obtained by relating the deaths with the number of persons in the community of the same sex, in age groups. This has been done for five census periods, when the numbers of the people in age groups were accurately known, and the results are given in the appended table:—

VICTORIA—DEATH RATES FROM CANCER IN AGE GROUPS.

Age Group.	Average Annual Deaths from Cancer per 10,000 of each Sex.				
	1900-02.	1910-12.	1920-22.	1932-34.	1946-48.
<i>Males.</i>					
Under 5	0·30	0·73	0·46	0·27	0·60
5 to 9	0·42	0·25	0·13	0·20	0·34
10 to 14	0·20	0·16	0·14	0·24	0·24
15 to 19	0·22	0·15	0·30	0·37	0·61
20 to 24	0·33	0·71	0·64	0·73	0·69
25 to 34	1·26	0·96	0·76	0·93	1·20
35 to 44	3·69	3·16	3·31	3·04	3·00
45 to 54	14·14	16·03	13·94	10·13	11·65
55 to 64	36·00	36·36	40·46	37·25	32·73
65 to 74	59·04	74·15	78·21	85·19	80·46
75 and over ..	74·04	88·40	110·12	133·78	148·20
All Ages	7·52	8·50	9·52	11·63	13·51
<i>Females.</i>					
Under 5	0·26	0·19	0·39	0·38	0·48
5 to 9	0·04	0·10	0·17	0·17	0·18
10 to 14 .. ..	..	0·27	0·05	0·08	0·40
15 to 19	0·28	0·44	0·15	0·17	0·04
20 to 24	0·23	0·41	0·30	·39	0·60
25 to 34	1·61	1·39	1·28	1·57	1·75
35 to 44	6·05	7·26	6·61	6·00	6·23
45 to 54	18·13	17·87	19·14	17·31	16·47
55 to 64	33·05	38·03	34·48	35·82	33·40
65 to 74	51·18	61·66	63·05	61·17	61·44
75 and over ..	62·70	86·19	92·86	106·19	111·49
All Ages	6·64	8·76	9·63	12·00	14·50

Deaths from cancer occur at all age periods, but the rates in the foregoing table show that it is essentially a disease of later life, increasing rapidly in the groups past middle age and reaching a maximum mortality rate in the oldest age group.

Cancer—Deaths at certain ages. The number of deaths from cancer in certain age groups in each of the five years 1945 to 1949 is given below :—

VICTORIA—DEATHS FROM CANCER AT CERTAIN AGES.

Age Group.	Males.					Females.				
	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
0-14	9	4	17	10	13	7	9	8	9	15
15-24	4	8	14	9	5	6	6	5	5	5
25-34	13	13	28	16	17	25	26	33	26	34
35-44	43	36	49	48	69	77	92	92	84	90
45-54	131	143	152	143	148	229	210	207	228	227
55-64	315	312	323	311	366	329	326	373	354	352
65-74	402	443	392	445	462	399	415	375	410	418
75-84	314	319	347	334	362	323	332	344	332	356
85 and over ..	53	61	67	66	87	72	81	82	65	86
Total	1,284	1,339	1,389	1,382	1,529	1,467	1,497	1,519	1,513	1,583

Ninety-two per cent. of the deaths from cancer in 1949 were at ages 45 years and upwards.

The widely different social and economic effects produced by the prevalence of and deaths from the two important diseases, cancer and tuberculosis of the respiratory system, are evidenced by the ages of their victims. For the year 1949 the average age of those who died from the former was 66·6 years for males and 64·9 years for females, while the corresponding averages for the latter were 55·1 years for males and 45·1 years for females.

Seat of cancer. The following table shows the seat of cancer in persons who died from this disease in 1949:—

VICTORIA—SEAT OF CANCER, 1949.

Seat of Cancer.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Buccal Cavity and Pharynx	78	18	96
Digestive Organs and Peritoneum—			
Oesophagus	53	35	88
Stomach and Duodenum	348	231	579
Intestines other than Duodenum or Rectum	180	230	410
Rectum	78	77	155
Liver and Biliary Passages	44	52	96
Pancreas	61	59	120
Peritoneum	9	9	18
Other Digestive Organs .. .. .	..	..	..
Respiratory System	208	40	248
Uterus .. .. .	..	197	197
Other Female Genital Organs .. .. .	..	99	99
Breast	1	334	335
Male Genital Organs	178	..	178
Urinary Organs	95	52	147
Skin	48	35	83
Brain and other parts of the Nervous System—			
Glioma (not specified as benign)	6	4	10
Other	32	21	53
Other Unspecified Organs	110	90	200
	1,529	1,583	3,112

Hydatids.

In 1949 there were 6 male and 6 female deaths from hydatids, of which 4 of males and 4 of females were attributed to hydatid tumour of the liver. The deaths from hydatids in 1949 were equivalent to a rate of 6 per million of the population, as compared with rates of 7 in 1948, 6 in 1947, 11 in 1946, 7 in 1945, 16 in 1918-22, 22 in 1908-12, and 51 in 1890-92.

Diabetes.

During 1949 diabetes was responsible for 142 male and 317 female deaths, representing a rate of 215 per million of the population, as compared with rates of 217 in 1948, 213 in 1947, 213 in 1946, 208 in 1945, 130 in 1918-22, and 107 in 1908-12.

Vitamin-deficiency diseases, other general diseases, diseases of the blood, and chronic poisonings. Deaths in 1949 from diseases in this category (cause No. 20 on page 170) were acute rheumatic fever 15, exophthalmic goitre 19, other diseases of the thyroid and parathyroid glands 20, pernicious and other hyperchromic anaemias 37, other anaemias 17, leukaemia 104, and other diseases 40.

Meningitis (non-meningococcal) and diseases of the medulla and spinal cord. In 1949, deaths from these causes numbered 63, the rate per million of population being 29, as compared with rates of 31 in 1948, 40 in 1947, 33 in 1946, and 36 in 1945.

Intra-cranial lesions of vascular origin. In 1949, 995 male and 1,493 female deaths were ascribed to these causes, the total—2,488—corresponding to a rate of 1,163 per million of the population. Of the 2,488 deaths in 1949, 1,567 were due to cerebral haemorrhage, 17 to cerebral embolism, 773 to cerebral thrombosis, 19 to softening of the brain, and 112 to hemiplegia and unspecified paralysis.

Other diseases of nervous system and sense organs. In this category (cause No. 23 on page 170) in 1949, were 15 deaths from encephalitis (non-epidemic), 41 from epilepsy, 14 from diseases of the ear and mastoid process, and 93 from other diseases.

Diseases of the heart. During 1949 there were 7,160 deaths ascribed to diseases of the heart, including 16 due to pericarditis, 396 to endocarditis, 3,893 to diseases of the myocardium, 2,236 to diseases of coronary arteries, 55 to angina pectoris, 116 to angina pectoris with record of coronary disease, and 448 to other diseases of the heart. The total causes in 1949 represented a rate of 3,348 per million of the population, the rates for previous years being 3,394 in 1948, 3,276 in 1947, 3,302 in 1946, 3,153 in 1945, 1,347 in 1922-26, and 1,441 in 1908-12.

Other diseases of the circulatory system. Deaths under this heading (cause No. 25 on page 170) in 1949 were arterio-sclerosis 506, and other diseases 167. Of the deaths from arterio-sclerosis 81 per cent. were of persons aged 70 years and over.

Diseases of the respiratory system. In 1949 the deaths from respiratory diseases numbered 1,657 which represented a rate of 775 per million of the population, as compared with rates of 800 in 1948, 775 in 1947, 829 in 1946, and 777 in 1945. Of the deaths in the year under

review, 29 were due to acute bronchitis, 168 to chronic bronchitis, 831 to broncho-pneumonia, 165 to lobar pneumonia, 179 to pneumonia unspecified, 26 to pleurisy, 162 to congestion, edema, embolism, &c., of lungs, 46 to asthma, and 51 to other diseases. Further details will be found under causes Nos. 26 to 28 on page 170.

In 1949 the greatest mortality from the respiratory diseases occurred during the months of July and August.

Diseases of the digestive system. In 1949 there were 504 male and 348 female deaths from digestive ailments, representing a proportion of 398 per million of the population, as against rates of 425 in 1948, 382 in 1947, 442 in 1946, 399 in 1945, 807 in 1922-26, and 2,382 in 1890-92. Deaths from principal diseases in 1949 were:—180 from ulcers of the stomach and duodenum, 77 from diarrhoeal diseases, 45 from appendicitis, 60 from hernia, 97 from intestinal obstruction, 148 from cirrhosis of the liver, 52 from biliary calculi, 51 from other diseases of the gall bladder and biliary passages, and 142 from other diseases. Further rates and details are given under causes Nos. 29 to 32 on pages 170 and 171.

The 77 deaths from diarrhoeal diseases in 1949 correspond to a rate of 36 per million of the population, as compared with rates of 53 in 1948, 42 in 1947, 58 in 1946, 53 in 1945, 380 in 1922-26, 833 in 1908-12, and 1,342 in 1890-92. The age incidence of these diseases shows that they are heaviest at the extremes of life. In earlier years these diseases constituted one of the most fatal menaces to infant life: the decline in the mortality therefrom has, however, been progressive, and, since 1928, the rate has reached small proportions. Of the deaths at all ages in 1949, 33 were of infants under one year of age, 4 were between the ages of one and two years, while 17 were of persons aged 65 years and over. Infantile diarrhoea has been further dealt with in the section "Infantile Mortality".

Diseases of the genito-urinary system.

In 1949 there were 1,407 deaths attributed to diseases of the genito-urinary system. This number represented a rate of 658 per million of the population, as against rates of 699 in 1948, 719 in 1947, 803 in 1946, 786 in 1945, 670 in 1918-22, and 700 in 1909-12. In 1949 nephritis was responsible for 1,064 deaths, other diseases of the kidney and ureters for 85, diseases of the prostate for 207, and other genito-urinary diseases for 51.

Maternal deaths.

The death rate of women in childbirth is usually ascertained by comparing the number of deaths of parturient women with the total number of live births. In the following table are given the proportions of deaths from puerperal infection and all other diseases of pregnancy, childbirth, and the puerperium for each of the years 1945 to 1949, and the averages of previous periods back to 1871. The rates given for years prior to 1940 are not strictly comparable with those for subsequent years:—

VICTORIA—MATERNAL DEATHS, 1871 TO 1949.

Period.	Average Annual Number of Deaths from—						Rate per 10,000 Live Births from—					
	Puerperal Infection.			Other Diseases of Pregnancy, Childbirth, and the Puerperium. (Detailed List No. 141-146, 148-150).	Total.		Puerperal Infection.			Other Diseases of Pregnancy, Childbirth, and the Puerperium. (Detailed List No. 141-146, 148-150).	Total.	
	Infection during Childbirth and the Puerperium. (Detailed List No. 147).	Post-abortive Infection (Detailed List No. 140).			Including Criminal Abortion.	Excluding Criminal Abortion.	Infection during Childbirth and the Puerperium. (Detailed List No. 147).	Post-abortive Infection (Detailed List No. 140).			Including Criminal Abortion.	Excluding Criminal Abortion.
		Spontaneous, Therapeutic, or Unspecified.	Criminal Abortion.					Spontaneous, Therapeutic, or Unspecified.	Criminal Abortion.			
1871-1880	46			127	173	17·12			47·26	64·38		
1881-1890	64			121	185	20·48			38·71	59·19		
1891-1900	66			117	183	20·20			35·81	56·01		
1901-1910	52			114	166	16·93			37·12	54·05		
1911-1920	53			94	147	15·42			27·35	42·77		
1921-1925	43			102	145	11·96			28·37	40·33		
1926-29..	44	12	21	121	198	177	12·78	3·46	5·92	34·86	57·02	51·10
1930-34..	33	9	27	91	160	133	11·08	3·13	9·17	30·99	54·37	45·20
1935-39..	18	6	41	74	139	98	5·97	1·90	14·05	25·25	47·17	33·12
1940-44..	19	2	36	63	120	80	5·31	0·67	9·90	17·26	33·14	22·18
1945 ..	14	2	12	50	78	63	3·40	0·48	2·91	12·14	18·93	15·29
1946 ..	18	4	9	41	72	59	3·85	0·86	1·93	8·78	15·42	12·64
1947 ..	14	3	18	56	91	71	2·96	0·63	3·80	11·82	19·21	14·99
1948 ..	9	1	6	47	63	53	1·95	0·22	1·30	10·20	13·67	11·50
1949 ..	6	1	5	29	41	36	1·28	0·21	1·07	6·19	8·75	7·68

NOTE.—See following table regarding deaths from Criminal Abortion.

The following table gives information, in age groups, relating to the causes of death of women in childbirth, and the total number of children born to married mothers who died in childbirth, for the year 1949 :—

VICTORIA—MATERNAL DEATHS, 1949.

Causes of Death.	Ages at Death.							Number of Married Mothers.	Number of Un-Married Mothers.
	Under 20.	20 to 24.	25 to 29.	30 to 34.	35 to 39.	40 and Over.	Total.		
140. Post-abortion Infection—									
(a) Spontaneous, Therapeutic, or Un-specified .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..
(b) Criminal Abortion .. ..	..	1	2	1	..	1	5	4	1
141. Abortion without mention of Septic Conditions—									
(a) Spontaneous, Therapeutic, or Un-specified .. ..	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	2	..
(b) Criminal Abortion .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
142. Ectopic Gestation .. ..	..	1	1	..	..	..	2	2	..
143. Haemorrhage of Pregnancy .. ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
144. Toxaemias of Pregnancy—									
(a) Eclampsia of Pregnancy .. ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	..
(b) Albuminuria and Nephritis of Pregnancy .. ..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	2	..
(c) Acute Yellow Atrophy of Liver Associated with Pregnancy .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
(d) Other Toxaemias of Pregnancy .. ..	..	..	2	..	1	..	3	3	..
145. Other Diseases and Accidents of Pregnancy .. ..	..	1	..	1	..	..	2	2	..
146. Haemorrhage of Childbirth and the Puerperium .. ..	..	1	1	1	..	1	4	4	..
147. Infection during Childbirth and the Puerperium—									
(a) Puerperal Infections .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
(b) Puerperal Thrombophlebitis .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
(c) Puerperal Embolism and Sudden Death .. ..	..	..	2	2	1	1	6	6	..
148. Puerperal Toxaemias—									
(a) Puerperal Eclampsia .. ..	..	2	1	..	1	..	4	4	..
(b) Puerperal Albuminuria and Nephritis .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
(c) Acute Yellow Atrophy of Liver (Post-partum) .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
(d) Other Puerperal Toxaemias .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
149. Other Accidents of Childbirth—									
(a) Laceration, Rupture, or other Trauma of Pelvic Organs and Tissue .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
(b) Other Accidents of Childbirth	1	..	1	..	4	..	6	6	..
150. Other or Unspecified Diseases of Childbirth and the Puerperium—									
(a) Puerperal Diseases of the Breast .. ..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
(b) Others .. ..	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	2	..
Total	3	6	12	9	6	5	41	39	2
Number of Married Mothers	3	5	11	9	6	5	39	..	..
Number of Unmarried Mothers .. ..	..	1	1	..	..	..	2	..	..
Issue of Married Mothers	2	3	14	15	13	22	69	..	..

Of the 69 children born to the 39 married women who died, 66 were living at the time of their mothers' deaths, or an average of 1.7 children per mother.

First confinements were responsible for 18, or 46.2 per cent. of the total deaths of married mothers, as compared with 40.7 in 1948, 48.1 in 1947, 39.1 in 1946, and 39.5 in 1945.

The death rate of women in childbirth varies considerably at different ages, and is higher at older than at younger ages. The number of deaths of women in childbirth and the death rates in various age groups in Victoria for the period 1926-30 and the years 1947, 1948, and 1949, are shown in the following table:—

VICTORIA—MATERNAL DEATHS, 1926 TO 1949.

Age Group.	Mothers.							
	Deaths.				Deaths per 10,000 children born alive.			
	1926-30.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1926-30.	1947.	1948.	1949.
Under 20 years ..	41	2	1	3	47.1	9.9	5.1	14.4
20 to 24 years ..	150	19	12	6	39.1	14.7	9.6	4.7
25 to 29 „ ..	231	21	9	12	46.5	14.1	6.2	7.9
30 to 34 „ ..	226	29	15	9	56.8	27.6	14.8	9.3
35 to 39 „ ..	226	15	12	6	88.1	27.8	22.4	11.1
40 years and over	111	5	14	5	117.8	30.2	87.8	31.1
Total ..	985	91	63	41	57.4	19.2	13.7	8.7

The experience of the years 1926-30 showed that, for the age period 35 years and upwards, the deaths of mothers in childbirth were 96 per 10,000 live births, as compared with 47 per 10,000 for those under that age. Corresponding figures for 1949 were 16 per 10,000 live births and 8 per 10,000 live births respectively.

Senile decay. During the year 1949, the deaths of 251 men and 269 women were ascribed to senile decay, as compared with 252 men and 333 women in 1948. Prior to 1927, deaths from ill-defined causes, i.e., heart failure, debility, &c., of those persons over 65 years of age, were classified as senile decay. Since that year, however, only deaths of persons over 70 years of age from such causes were so classified.

Suicide. In the year 1949, 113 males and 45 females took their lives. The deaths represented a rate of 74 per million of the population, as compared with rates of 79 in 1948, 79 in 1947, 91 in 1946, 65 in 1945, 87 in 1918-22, 102 in 1908-12, and 109 in 1890-92. Of the 113 male deaths in 1949 from suicide, 40 (35 per cent.) were connected with firearms. A much lower rate from suicide occurs among females than among males, the rate for the former, for the five-year period 1945-49, being 41 per cent. of that of the latter.

Homicide. The deaths ascribed to homicide in 1949 numbered 6, of which 2 were of males and 4 of females. These represented a rate of 3 per million of the population, as against rates of 9 in 1948, 5 in 1947, 6 in 1946, 6 in 1945, 14 in 1918-22, and 19 in 1908-12. Since 1930, deaths from criminal abortion have been excluded from this category and included with deaths from maternal causes.

Accidental deaths. In 1949 there were 1,018 accidental deaths (797 male, 221 female). These represented a rate of 476 per million of population. The rate for the previous five years was 418. The numbers of deaths from various accidents are given in the appended table:—

VICTORIA—ACCIDENTAL DEATHS, 1945 TO 1949.

Deaths from—	Number.						
	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.		
					Males.	Females.	Total.
Railway accidents (except collisions with motor vehicles) ..	35	29	36	35	30	7	37
Motor Vehicle Accidents ..	191	347	412	392	396	65	461
Other Road Transport Accidents ..	38	41	36	24	34	3	37
Water Transport Accidents ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Air Transport Accidents ..	9	2	..	3	4	..	4
Accidents in Mines and Quarries ..	2	3	4	2	6	..	6
Agricultural and Forestry Accidents ..	20	28	23	18	29	1	30
Accidents caused by Machinery N.E.I.	4	7	7	12	8	2	10
Food Poisoning ..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Accidental absorption of Poisonous Gases ..	9	10	6	11	4	3	7
Other Acute Accidental Poisoning ..	17	11	12	16	10	7	17
Conflagration ..	9	6	14	9	14	6	20
Accidental Burns ..	27	26	37	41	12	6	18
Accidental Mechanical Suffocation ..	15	26	28	22	6	3	9
Accidental Drowning ..	73	81	114	89	84	19	103
Accidental Injury by Firearms ..	13	17	19	21	14	2	16
Accidental Injury by Fall ..	142	136	140	173	83	77	160
Accidental Injury by Crushing ..	3	1	6	8	8	..	8
Injury by Animals ..	..	2	3	4	1	1	2
Excessive Cold ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Excessive Heat ..	8	7	4	1	1	..	1
Lightning ..	..	..	1	..	1	1	2
Electricity ..	2	8	6	14	9	4	13
Snakebite ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other Venomous Bites and Stings ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other Accidents ..	54	62	74	66	43	14	57
	671	853	982	961	797	221	1,018

For the five years, 1945-49 the female mortality rate from accidents was 32 per cent. of the rate for males.

Transport accidents. In 1949 deaths from transport accidents numbered 539, as against 454 in 1948, 484 in 1947, 420 in 1946, 273 in 1945, 292 in 1944, 302 in 1943, 439 in 1942, 510 in 1941, and 551 in 1940.

During the year 1949 deaths connected with transport represented 53 per cent. of the total deaths from accidents.

In the following table details are given of deaths due to collisions between various types of transport, and to other fatal accidents in which transport was concerned, for the year 1949:—

VICTORIA—DEATHS FROM TRANSPORT ACCIDENTS, 1949.

		Collisions.										Other Accidents.		Males.	Females.	
		Railway vehicle.	Tramcar	Motor car.	Motor omnibus.	Motor lorry, &c.	Motor cycle.	Horse-drawn vehicle, &c.	Bicycle.	Animal.	Fixed object.	Total.	Total.			
Railway vehicle	7	..	5	5	..	..	..	..	17	37	*54	42	12
Tramcar	3	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	5	17	22	20	2
Motor car	9	2	26	29	1	16	1	21	105	140	245	197	48
Motor omnibus	5	3	..	1	..	1	10	6	16	15	1
Motor lorry, &c.	11	21	..	10	..	9	51	68	119	110	9
Motor cycle	1	2	3	23	29	30	59	57	2
Horse-drawn vehicle	1	1	12	13	13	..
Bicycle	1	1	6	7	6	1
Aeroplane	1	1	3	4	4	..
Total	19	2	48	59	2	29	4	57	220	319	539	464	75

* Includes rail accidents to six railway employees

Accidental
deaths
involving
motor vehicles.

The number of motor vehicles (including motor cycles) registered in Victoria and the deaths in which they were involved, for the years 1940 to 1949, were as follows:—

VICTORIA—DEATHS INVOLVING MOTOR VEHICLES,
1940 TO 1949.

Year.	Number of Motor Vehicles (30th June).	Deaths Involving Motor Vehicles.		
		Number.	Per 10,000 Motor Vehicles.	Per 1,000,000 of Population.
1940	266,677	471	17·7	248
1941	256,502	396	15·4	204
1942	224,293	350	15·6	178
1943	232,940	201	8·6	102
1944	243,450	216	8·9	108
1945	255,147	190	7·4	95
1946	272,050	347	12·8	171
1947	294,927	412	14·0	201
1948	321,443	392	12·2	188
1949	351,428	461	13·1	216

The mortality per 10,000 vehicles was 12·1 for the period 1945-49, as compared with a rate of 13·4 in 1940-44. The mortality per million of population was 216 in 1949, 188 in 1948, 201 in 1947, 171 in 1946, 95 in 1945, 108 in 1944, 102 in 1943, 178 in 1942, 204 in 1941, and 248 in 1940. The mortality rate (259) in 1939 was the highest on record.

On the average of the five years, 1945 to 1949, motor cars, &c., were involved in 11·9 deaths per 10,000 cars registered, and motor cycles in 26·7 deaths per 10,000 motor cycles registered.

NATURAL INCREASE.

Natural increase per 1,000 of population in Australian States and in New Zealand. The average annual natural increase, i.e., the excess of births over deaths, per 1,000 of the mean population, in each Australian State, the Commonwealth of Australia, and in New Zealand, for certain periods since 1909, as well as detailed particulars for Victoria since 1879, are shown in the following tables :—

NATURAL INCREASE PER 1,000 OF THE MEAN POPULATION.

AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND.

Period.	Victoria.	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.	New Zealand.
1910-14	13·85	18·38	18·51	17·68	18·61	19·35	17·03	16·80
1915-19	11·75	15·98	17·06	14·84	15·47	17·83	14·99	16·80
1920-24	12·49	15·73	16·13	13·75	13·96	16·66	14·60	14·01
1925-29	10·57	12·99	13·35	11·18	12·71	13·27	12·18	11·65
1930-34	6·77	9·52	10·56	6·89	10·26	11·05	8·78	9·19
1935-39*	5·64	7·91	10·06	6·12	9·85	10·36	7·67	8·37
1945*..	10·32	11·88	16·02	12·73	12·22	13·56	12·23	13·15
1946*..	12·42	13·13	15·02	14·72	14·92	17·04	13·62	15·54
1947*..	12·62	13·71	16·51	15·62	16·20	18·53	14·37	17·04
1948 ..	11·62	12·15	15·49	13·86	16·02	16·83	13·12	16·39
1949 ..	11·64	12·67	15·33	14·35	16·36	17·32	13·40	15·89

VICTORIA.

Period.	Average Annual Excess of Births over Deaths.	Annual Rates per 1,000 of Mean Population.			Period.	Average Annual Excess of Births over Deaths.	Annual Rates per 1,000 of Mean Population.		
		Births.	Deaths.	Natural Increase.			Births.	Deaths.	Natural Increase.
1880-84	14,466	30·64	14·40	16·24	1925-29	18,218	20·24	9·67	10·57
1885-89	16,741	32·27	15·87	16·40	1930-34	12,249	16·27	9·50	6·77
1890-94	20,059	31·99	14·62	17·37	1935-39	10,473	15·87	10·23	5·64*
1895-99	15,625	26·76	13·81	12·95	1940-44	15,250	18·53	10·71	7·82*
1900-04	14,859	25·08	12·84	12·24	1945..	20,704	20·53	10·21	10·32*
1905-09	16,062	24·76	11·93	12·83	1946..	25,159	23·05	10·63	12·42*
1910-14	18,795	25·42	11·57	13·85	1947..	25,924	23·06	10·44	12·62*
1915-19	16,818	23·13	11·38	11·75	1948..	24,274	22·06	10·44	11·62
1920-24	19,647	22·89	10·40	12·49	1949..	24,882	21·92	10·28	11·64

* Excess of births over civilian deaths in the Australian States from September, 1939, to June, 1947.

PART IV.

ACCUMULATION.

BANKING.

Ordinary banking business in Victoria at 30th June, 1950, was transacted by eleven institutions (exclusive of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia), hereafter referred to as Joint Stock Banks. During 1947-48, the National Bank of Australasia Limited acquired the total shareholding of the Queensland National Bank Limited.

The following statement shows the aggregate capital and profits of the Joint Stock Banks with the exception of the Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris, which transacts very little business within the State. Particulars relate to the twelve months last preceding the balance date shown:—

TOTAL CAPITAL RESOURCES AND PROFITS OF THE JOINT STOCK BANKS WHICH OPERATED IN VICTORIA DURING 1949-50.

Bank.	Balance Date.	Capital Paid-up.	Reserves, plus Additions.	Undistributed Profit after Payment of Dividends and Allocation of Reserves.	Total Reserves.	Total Net Profit for Year.	Total Amount Paid in Dividends for Year.
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Bank of Australasia ..	12.10.49	4,500,000	4,500,000	384,221	4,884,221	278,290	222,750
Union Bank of Australia Ltd. ..	31.8.49	4,000,000	4,850,000	300,048	5,150,048	255,066	198,000
English, Scottish, and Australian Bank Ltd.	30.6.50	3,000,000	1,815,000	456,548	2,271,548	259,310	165,000
Bank of New South Wales ..	30.9.49	8,780,000	6,150,000	496,272	6,646,272	743,692	702,400
National Bank of Australasia Ltd. ..	30.9.49	6,726,025	5,000,000	196,502	5,196,502	540,134	470,822
Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd. ..	30.6.50	4,117,350	2,250,000	140,944	2,390,944	334,796	284,694
Commercial Banking Co. of Sydney Ltd.	30.6.50	4,739,013	4,300,000	187,376	4,487,376	426,542	379,121
Ballararat Banking Co...	30.6.50	159,000	154,000	6,110	160,110	16,111	10,732
Bank of Adelaide ..	30.9.49	1,250,000	1,250,000	63,944	1,313,944	101,675	100,000
Total Australian Banks ..	..	37,271,388	30,269,000	2,231,965	32,500,965	2,955,616	2,533,519
Bank of New Zealand	31.3.50	6,328,125	3,575,000	438,563	4,013,563	403,660	393,027
Grand Total ..	..	43,599,513	33,844,000	2,670,528	36,514,528	3,359,276	2,931,546

Shareholders' capital, which is the capital of the shareholders *without* as well as *within* Victoria, amounted to £43,599,513 on 30th June, 1950. The reserves totalled £36,514,528 and represented 84 per cent. of the paid-up capital.

Commonwealth Bank of Australia. The Commonwealth Bank of Australia functions under the Guarantee of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia. General banking operations were commenced in January, 1913, and the following departments have been established since that date :—

- (a) Note Issue Department, 1920 ;
- (b) Rural Credits Department, 1925 ;
- (c) Mortgage Bank Department, 1943 ; and
- (d) Industrial Finance Department, 1946.

Profits accruing from the activities of the above-mentioned Departments throughout Australia are shown in the following table :—

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

Profits—1945-46 to 1949-50.

Department.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49.	1949-50.
	£	£	£	£	£
General Banking ..	1,004,459	1,050,746	1,277,148	1,393,743	1,406,272
Note Issue ..	3,089,405	3,942,384	4,236,702	4,609,903	4,332,849
Rural Credits ..	32,864	36,575	34,369	38,792	95,312
Mortgage Bank ..	25,341	30,274	34,491	36,307	41,398
Industrial Finance ..	6,285	23,514	56,884	165,453	250,282
Total ..	4,158,354	5,083,493	5,639,594	6,244,198	6,126,113

Details of the Savings Bank business which was dissociated from the General Bank on the 9th June, 1928, will be found on page 198.

Deposits in and advances by banks.

The following details have been obtained from information tabulated by the Commonwealth Statistician from returns submitted by the banks under section 41 of the *Banking Act* 1945. The particulars relate to the deposits and advances in Victoria of the Joint Stock Banks and the General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. The quarterly average is obtained by recording the amounts of deposits and of advances at the close of business on Wednesday of each week.

**VICTORIA—DEPOSITS IN AND ADVANCES BY BANKS,
SEPTEMBER QUARTER, 1949, TO JUNE QUARTER, 1950.**

	1949.		1950.	
	September, Quarter.	December, Quarter.	March, Quarter.	June, Quarter.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Deposits not bearing interest—				
Australian Government ..	1,517	1,729	1,775	2,022
Other	204,181	231,867	249,289	257,036
Deposits bearing interest—				
Australian Government ..	3,011	4,184	3,859	3,846
Other—				
Current	4,401	5,284	5,976	5,878
Fixed	67,364	67,843	71,948	77,945
Total Deposits	280,474	310,907	332,847	346,727
Loans, Advances and Bills dis- counted	156,500	162,780	179,433	191,186
Ratio of Advances to Deposits ..	% 55·80	% 52·36	% 53·91	% 55·14

MELBOURNE CLEARING HOUSE TRANSACTIONS.

The value of bills, cheques, &c., cleared annually through the Melbourne Clearing House during each of the years 1941 to 1950 is shown in the following statement:—

**MELBOURNE CLEARING HOUSE TRANSACTIONS,
1941 TO 1950.**

Year Ended 31st December—			Amount Cleared.	Year Ended 31st December—			Amount Cleared.
			£'000.				£'000
1941	..	..	1,127,907	1946	..	..	1,825,986
1942	..	..	1,280,953	1947	..	..	1,964,026
1943	..	..	1,414,210	1948	..	..	2,365,782
1944	..	..	1,448,005	1949	..	..	2,778,182
1945	..	..	1,484,398	1950	..	..	3,652,973

THE STATE SAVINGS BANK OF VICTORIA.

The State Savings Bank of Victoria—established in 1841—is administered by Commissioners appointed by the Government under Act No. 3777. It has two separate and distinct departments—(a) The Savings Bank; and (b) the Credit Foncier.

The total assets of the Bank at 30th June, 1950, were as follows:—

			£
Savings Bank Department	..	..	210,263,325
Credit Foncier Department	..	..	11,909,347
TOTAL	..	..	222,172,672

Savings Bank Department. Profits accruing from the activities of the Savings Bank Department were:—1945-46, £253,806; 1946-47, £308,217; 1947-48, £195,650; 1948-49, £280,609; and 1949-50, £280,540. Reserve Funds amounted to £8,670,000 at 30th June, 1950.

The following table shows the number of accounts open and the amount remaining on deposit in specified years from 1900:—

VICTORIA—STATE SAVINGS BANK, ACCOUNTS OPEN AND DEPOSITS, 1900 TO 1950.

At 30th June—	Number of Accounts Open.			Amount at Credit of Depositors.			
	Ordinary Accounts.	School Bank Accounts.*	Total.	Ordinary Accounts.	Deposit Stock Accounts.	School Bank Accounts.*	Total.
	No.	No.	No.	£	£	£	£
1900 ..	375,070	..	375,070	9,110,793	..	..	9,110,793
1905 ..	447,382	..	447,382	10,896,741	..	..	10,896,741
1910 ..	560,515	..	560,515	15,417,887	..	..	15,417,887
1915 ..	721,936	19,971	735,907	24,874,811	159,426	9,792	25,044,029
1920 ..	886,344	12,295	898,639	37,232,543	504,731	7,954	37,745,228
1925 ..	1,095,462	88,751	1,184,213	53,145,015	742,500	101,139	53,988,654
1930 ..	1,256,823	165,107	1,421,930	60,844,604	1,809,031	289,340	62,942,975
1935 ..	1,325,106	188,089	1,513,195	61,093,931	1,737,545	276,529	63,108,005
1940 ..	1,477,133	208,012	1,685,145	64,417,039	2,656,619	286,965	67,360,623
1945 ..	1,762,153	218,043	1,980,196	140,554,367	1,923,114	439,161	142,916,642
1946 ..	1,812,424	222,814	2,035,238	161,499,318	1,726,161	497,631	163,723,110
1947 ..	1,841,835	229,982	2,071,817	166,087,476	1,499,135	561,325	168,147,936
1948 ..	1,884,407	238,836	2,123,243	175,784,209	1,356,347	640,759	177,781,315
1949 ..	1,918,470	248,457	2,166,927	185,397,992	1,236,515	724,644	187,359,151
1950 ..	1,966,849	260,023	2,226,872	19,6768,073	1,089,440	822,698	198,680,211

* School Banks were established in November, 1912.

The number of offices of the State Savings Bank, the number of accounts open per 1,000 of population, and the amount at credit of depositors per account and per head of population respectively are shown in the following table for the years indicated :—

At 30th June—	Number of Offices—		Number of Accounts Open per 1,000 of Population.	Amount at Credit of Depositors—	
	Banks.	Agencies.		Per Account.	Per Head of Population.
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1900	45	326	315	24 5 10	7 12 10
1905	54	328	371	24 7 2	9 0 11
1910	68	348	438	27 10 2	12 1 2
1915	128	323	514	34 0 8	17 9 9
1920	134	339	594	42 0 1	24 19 3
1925	176	376	709	45 11 10	32 6 2
1930	211	389	797	44 5 4	35 5 4
1935	213	373	823	41 14 1	34 6 9
1940	220	387	885	39 19 6	36 15 10
1945	224	374	983	72 6 6	71 2 7
1946	225	375	1,002	80 8 11	80 12 4
1947	225	379	992	81 3 2	81 16 3
1948	228	383	1,015	83 14 8	85 0 8
1949	228	394	1,013	86 9 3	87 11 9
1950	229	411	1,008	89 9 2	90 3 10

The figures relating to ordinary accounts given in the preceding table include each year a large number of accounts of less than £1 upon which the depositors had ceased to operate. At the 30th June, 1950, such accounts numbered 536,743, omitting these, the balance of 1,424,106 operative accounts averaged £138 2s. 2d., as compared with an average of £133 9s. 7d. in the previous year.

The following statement shows the transactions in connexion with all accounts for each year since 1940-41 inclusive :—

VICTORIA—STATE SAVINGS BANK TRANSACTIONS, 1940-41 TO 1949-50.

Year ended 30th June—	Number of Accounts.			Deposits.	Withdrawals.	Interest Added.	Amount at Credit of Depositors.
	Opened.	Closed.	Remaining open at end of Period.				
				£	£	£	£
1941 ..	216,056	176,510	1,724,691	54,559,205	51,502,606	1,329,517	71,746,740
1942 ..	226,222	184,638	1,766,275	63,232,379	58,946,552	1,283,504*	77,316,072
1943 ..	220,014	144,037	1,842,252	71,078,536	52,450,946	1,573,565	97,517,228
1944 ..	218,640	140,066	1,920,826	86,230,379	63,067,616	2,002,056	122,682,047
1945 ..	198,905	139,535	1,980,196	92,462,360	74,319,038	2,391,272	143,216,642
1946 ..	232,151	177,109	2,035,238	128,790,249	111,009,267	2,725,486	163,723,110
1947 ..	212,866	176,287	2,071,817	110,982,880	109,445,101	2,887,047	168,147,936
1948 ..	227,874	176,448	2,123,243	114,698,988	108,027,629	2,962,020	177,781,315
1949 ..	222,801	179,117	2,166,927	124,143,424	117,651,571	3,085,983	187,359,151
1950 ..	241,218	187,273	2,220,872	148,778,343	140,695,739	3,238,456	198,680,211

* Since 1942, interest has been credited to current accounts to 31st May, instead of 30th June. In 1942, therefore, the amount credited represents only eleven months' interest.

The maximum amount which may be at the credit of a current account is £1,000, but an additional sum not exceeding £1,000 may be lodged as Deposit Stock, which is a form of fixed deposit withdrawable at short notice.

**Interest on
Depositors'
Accounts.**

The rates of interest paid during the year on deposits in current accounts and on deposit stock were as follows :—

Accounts of depositors other than friendly societies, charitable societies and trade unions—2 per cent. per annum on sums from £1 to £500 ; 1 per cent. per annum on the excess to £1,000.

Accounts of friendly societies, charitable societies and trade unions—2 per cent. per annum on sums from £1 to £2,000 ; 1 per cent. per annum on the excess without limit.

Deposit stock accounts on sums from £10 to £1,000—1 per cent. per annum.

**Credit Foncier
Department.**

The Credit Foncier Department was established in 1896, under Act No. 1481, for the purpose of making long term loans to assist persons in the agricultural industry. Under Acts Nos. 2280, 3088, 3098, and 3145, the system has been further extended.

Credit Foncier loans, secured by a first mortgage, are granted on freehold land or on land which can be made freehold. The rate of interest charged on all loans was $3\frac{7}{8}$ per cent. per annum.

Funds for the purpose of making advances are obtained chiefly from the flotation of Credit Foncier debenture loans of which the total amount current at 30th June, 1950, was £9,500,000. Advances made during 1949-50 amounted to £1,313,084, while repayments totalled £1,838,330.

Credit Foncier transactions.

Details of transactions in the Credit Foncier Department under the four sections thereof are shown below.

VICTORIA—CREDIT FONCIER TRANSACTIONS, 1949-50.

Heading.	At 30th June, 1949.	During 1949-50.	At 30th June, 1950.
Stock and debentures issued £	239,580,805	2,200	239,583,005*
" " " redeemed £	228,080,805	2,002,200	230,083,005
" " " outstanding £	11,500,000	..	9,500,000
Pastoral or Agricultural Property.			
Amount advanced £	12,333,770	64,070	12,397,840
" repaid £	10,652,883	376,785	11,029,668
" outstanding £	1,680,887	..	1,368,172
Number of loans current	1,959	..	1,634
Dwelling or Shop Property.			
Amount advanced £	33,893,331	1,194,722	35,088,053
" repaid £	28,480,012	1,056,725	29,536,737
" outstanding £	5,413,319	..	5,551,316
Number of loans current	11,818	..	10,893
Housing Advances.			
Amount advanced £	9,732,462	51,792	9,784,255
" repaid £	7,608,377	404,620	8,012,997
" outstanding £	2,124,086	..	1,771,258†
Number of loans current	4,870	..	4,179
Country Industries.			
Amount advanced £	189,609	2,500	192,109
" repaid £	186,939	200	187,139
" outstanding £	2,670	..	4,970
Number of loans current	1	..	2
Total Transactions.			
Total amount advanced £	56,149,173	1,313,084	57,462,257
" " repaid £	46,928,211	1,838,330	48,766,541
" " outstanding £	9,220,962	..	8,695,716
" " number of loans current	18,648	..	16,708

* Including conversion loans, and £2,625,800 Stock inscribed in exchange for Debentures.

† Including land at Garden City, Port Melbourne, for future operations, £7,097.

The net profit of the Credit Foncier Department for the year ended 30th June, 1950, after making provision for bad and doubtful debts, was £22,545. This sum was added to General Reserve, which amounted to £1,522,707 at 30th June, 1950. There are reserves also for Depreciation and Contingencies amounting to £245,000.

Commonwealth Savings Bank in Victoria.

The Savings Bank department of the Commonwealth Bank commenced business on 15th July, 1912. The following table shows the business transacted in Victoria during each of the years, 1940-41 to 1949-50.

COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK IN VICTORIA, 1940-41 TO 1949-50.

Year ended 30th June—	Number of Accounts.			Deposits.	Withdrawals.	Interest Added.	Amount at Credit of Depositors.
	Opened.	Closed.	Remaining open at end of Period.*				
				£	£	£	£
1941 ..	60,536	33,615	233,812	19,211,797	17,291,135	236,896	13,942,272
1942 ..	77,108	36,777	265,847	23,596,968	20,885,344	255,672	16,909,563
1943 ..	78,421	25,707	297,564	34,317,984	27,852,249	356,137	23,731,435
1944 ..	80,334	29,789	345,892	37,529,273	30,546,130	490,316	31,204,894
1945 ..	78,463	33,741	386,398	37,718,433	30,608,560	618,066	38,932,833
1946 ..	94,687	60,665	405,957	51,144,665	43,225,009	749,999	47,602,488
1947 ..	83,810	57,839	414,337	39,961,918	40,419,834	814,356	47,958,928
1948 ..	80,290	56,302	426,479	40,530,573	40,685,161	815,773	48,620,113
1949 ..	83,633	48,516	447,805	43,971,872	41,542,921	837,496	51,886,560
1950 ..	97,135	54,207	486,119	59,075,205	53,391,801	870,491	58,440,455

* Inoperative accounts have been excluded, i.e., those with balances of £1 or over inoperative for seven years or more and those with balances under £1 inoperative for three years or more. At 30th June, in each of the undermentioned years the number of inoperative accounts was as follows:—1941, 118,733; 1942, 124,401; 1943, 140,612; 1944, 139,960; 1945, 141,623; 1946, 153,159; 1947, 168,394; 1948, 177,880; 1949, 188,117 and 1950, 190,347.

Total deposits, &c. in Savings Banks.

The foregoing tables deal separately with the Savings Banks in Victoria. In the next statement, the aggregate amount on deposit in the State Savings Bank and in the Commonwealth Savings Bank in Victoria, and the amount of deposits per head of population are given for each year, 1940-41 to 1949-50.

SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS IN VICTORIA, 1940-41 TO 1949-50.

At 30th June—	Amount at Credit of Depositors (Victoria)—			Amount of Deposits per Head of Population.
	State Savings Bank.†	Commonwealth Savings Bank.	Aggregate Amount.	
	£	£	£	£ s. d.
1941 ..	71,746,740	13,942,272	85,689,012	44 4 2
1942 ..	77,316,072	16,909,563	94,225,635	47 17 2
1943 ..	97,517,228	23,731,435	121,248,663	61 3 7
1944 ..	122,682,047	31,204,894	153,886,941	77 9 7
1945 ..	143,216,642	38,932,833	182,149,475	90 10 5
1946 ..	163,723,110	47,602,488	211,325,598	104 2 2
1947 ..	168,147,936	47,958,928	216,106,864	105 3 0
1948 ..	177,781,315	48,620,113	226,401,428	108 5 10
1949 ..	187,359,151	51,886,560	239,245,711	111 16 10
1950 ..	198,680,211	58,440,455	257,120,666	116 14 5

† Including School Bank and Deposit Stock Accounts.

PROBATE RETURNS.

Probates
and letters of
administration
granted.

The accompanying table shows the number and value of estates of deceased persons of each sex in connexion with which probates or letters of administration were finally completed during each of the years 1946 to 1950. Figures relating to estates administered by the Public Trustee are included.

VICTORIA—PROBATES AND LETTERS OF
ADMINISTRATION, 1946 TO 1950.

Year ended 31st Dec- ember.	Number of—		Total Number of Estates.	Gross Value of Estates—		Liabilities.	Net Value of Estates.	Average Net Value of each Estate.
	Probates.	Letters of Adminis- tration.		Real.	Personal.			
				£	£	£	£	£
MALES.								
1946 ..	5,498	1,266	6,764	7,916,797	14,312,500	1,797,710	20,431,587	3,021
1947 ..	4,873	1,378	6,251	7,304,801	16,016,860	1,772,577	21,549,084	3,447
1948 ..	4,986	1,415	6,401	8,439,057	14,963,697	1,936,812	21,465,942	3,354
1949 ..	4,832	1,331	6,163	8,606,041	17,841,323	1,949,500	24,497,864	3,975
1950 ..	4,944	1,329	6,273	10,365,698	17,978,827	1,928,665	26,415,860	4,211
FEMALES.								
1946 ..	3,887	1,030	4,917	4,071,478	8,282,464	548,012	11,805,930	2,401
1947 ..	4,011	999	5,010	4,157,609	8,090,499	542,510	11,705,598	2,336
1948 ..	4,222	1,049	5,271	4,536,496	8,675,606	519,371	12,692,731	2,408
1949 ..	4,237	999	5,236	4,372,847	8,871,859	450,346	12,794,360	2,444
1950 ..	4,246	998	5,244	6,021,732	10,476,439	582,999	15,915,172	3,035
TOTAL.								
1946 ..	9,385	2,296	11,681	11,988,275	22,594,964	2,345,722	32,237,517	2,760
1947 ..	8,884	2,377	11,261	11,462,410	24,107,359	2,315,087	33,254,682	2,953
1948 ..	9,208	2,464	11,672	12,975,553	23,639,303	2,456,183	34,158,673	2,927
1949 ..	9,069	2,330	11,399	12,978,888	26,713,182	2,399,846	37,292,224	3,272
1950 ..	9,190	2,327	11,517	16,387,430	28,455,266	2,511,664	42,331,032	3,676

The number and value of estates dealt with in each of the years 1946 to 1950 grouped according to net value and distinguishing the estates of males from those of females, were as follows.

VICTORIA—NUMBER AND NET VALUE OF ESTATES OF
DECEASED PERSONS (MALES AND FEMALES), 1948 TO
1950.

Group.	1948.		1949.		1950.	
	Number.	Net Value.	Number.	Net Value.	Number.	Net Value.
		£		£		£

MALES.

Under £100 ..	522	24,376	400	19,921	406	19,711
£100 to £300 ..	751	147,807	655	129,139	597	119,529
£300 to £500 ..	626	248,903	575	230,271	538	211,975
£500 to £1,000 ..	1,224	902,005	1,146	840,056	1,002	730,784
£1,000 to £2,000 ..	1,155	1,638,551	1,169	1,668,397	1,254	1,847,226
£2,000 to £3,000 ..	512	1,264,335	555	1,371,438	586	1,444,773
£3,000 to £4,000 ..	367	1,258,883	321	1,108,312	399	1,376,775
£4,000 to £5,000 ..	227	1,013,560	230	1,034,823	270	1,208,616
£5,000 to £10,000 ..	564	3,966,356	595	4,183,454	605	4,254,280
£10,000 to £15,000 ..	190	2,306,714	211	2,578,577	253	3,037,583
£15,000 to £25,000 ..	141	2,652,575	165	3,157,244	223	4,166,660
£25,000 to £50,000 ..	81	2,620,889	88	2,957,554	91	3,235,828
£50,000 to £100,000 ..	32	2,066,968	34	2,310,606	38	2,499,828
Over £100,000 ..	9	1,354,020	19	2,908,072	11	2,262,288
Total Males ..	6,401	21,465,942	6,163	24,497,864	6,273	26,415,860

FEMALES.

Under £100 ..	343	18,822	309	16,725	306	16,777
£100 to £300 ..	711	142,845	699	140,942	536	106,358
£300 to £500 ..	650	255,960	612	241,913	555	221,126
£500 to £1,000 ..	1,122	819,183	1,127	816,863	975	720,653
£1,000 to £2,000 ..	1,031	1,462,691	1,039	1,484,143	1,128	1,644,192
£2,000 to £3,000 ..	421	1,036,583	458	1,120,923	485	1,192,137
£3,000 to £4,000 ..	259	882,675	269	930,316	335	1,154,675
£4,000 to £5,000 ..	183	825,385	172	766,589	190	846,424
£5,000 to £10,000 ..	330	2,268,981	318	2,185,374	435	2,986,513
£10,000 to £15,000 ..	94	1,133,304	108	1,266,285	133	1,628,656
£15,000 to £25,000 ..	75	1,422,741	71	1,368,259	88	1,631,552
£25,000 to £50,000 ..	36	1,165,290	40	1,334,560	52	1,731,338
£50,000 to £100,000 ..	14	959,785	12	780,112	20	1,309,633
Over £100,000 ..	2	298,486	2	341,356	6	725,138
Total Females ..	5,271	12,692,731	5,236	12,794,360	5,244	15,915,172
GRAND TOTAL ..	11,672	34,158,673	11,399	37,292,224	11,517	42,331,032

ROYAL MINT.

There are two branches of the Royal Mint in Australia—one operating in Melbourne, Victoria, and the other in Perth, Western Australia.

The Melbourne branch was opened on 12th June, 1872. The following table shows for each of the years 1948 to 1950 and for the period 1872 to 1950 the quantity of gold received at the Mint; where the gold was produced; its mint coinage value; and the gold coin and bullion issued during the same periods:—

**VICTORIA—GOLD RECEIVED AND ISSUED AT ROYAL MINT,
1948 TO 1950, AND AGGREGATE 1872 TO 1950.**

Gold Received.	1948.	1949.	1950.	Total 31st December, 1950.
<i>Gross Weight.</i>				
Produced in Victoria oz.	80,849	80,846	70,865	30,628,008
„ „ New South Wales	18,419	17,647	15,302	1,085,308
„ „ Queensland	31,931	34,296	34,763	1,239,891
„ „ South Australia	15,561	32,232	35,284	1,194,092
„ „ Western Australia	10	4	2	2,953,182
„ „ Tasmania	970	274	376	1,343,557
„ „ New Zealand	5,062	115	38	4,736,736
„ Elsewhere	78,426	119,008	162,202	4,649,797
Total	231,228	284,422	318,832	47,830,571
Coinage—Mint Value £	580,130	609,064	592,924	180,492,634
<i>Gold Issued.</i>				
Coin—				
Sovereigns No.	..	..	..	147,283,131
Half Sovereigns .. ..	..	..	..	1,893,559
Bullion—Quantity oz.	154,885	155,102	151,686	8,097,441
„ Mint Value £	603,085	603,929	590,627	32,253,250
Total Mint Value Coin and Bullion £	603,085	603,929	590,627	180,483,161

The number of deposits received during 1950 was 2,785, of a gross weight of 318,832 ounces. The average composition of these deposits was gold 437·8, silver 398·2, and base 164·0 in every 1,000 parts.

The value of gold shown in the foregoing table is calculated on the normal mint price of £3 17s. 10½d. per ounce standard (22 carat), which is equivalent to approximately £4 4s. 11½d. per ounce fine (24 carat).

By arrangement with the Commonwealth Bank the Mint also pays a premium on all gold lodged at the Mint for sale to the Bank. During 1950, depositors were paid a premium of 264·70 per cent., thereby making the total price of gold £15 9s. 10d. per ounce fine.

In the following table particulars of the coinages and the issue of silver and bronze pieces for the requirements of the Commonwealth Treasury are given for each of the years 1948 to 1950 and also the totals to 31st December, 1950:—

VICTORIA—COINAGE OF SILVER AND BRONZE AT ROYAL MINT, 1948 TO 1950 AND TOTAL TO 31st DECEMBER, 1950.

Denomination of Coins.	1948.	1949.	1950.	Total to 31st December, 1950.
Silver Pieces—	No.	No.	No.	No.
5s. . . . .	..	..	..	1,102,400
2s.	12,000	..	..	185,674,000
1s.	4,132,000	..	7,188,000	73,730,000
6d.	1,584,000	6,240,000	10,272,000	84,264,000
3d.	26,624,000	25,712,000	35,632,000	203,888,000
Total Silver Pieces ..	32,352,000	31,952,000	53,092,000	548,658,400
Bronze Pieces—				
1d.	20,865,600	25,783,200	17,716,800	179,950,160
½d.	4,598,400	..	..	97,521,600
Total Bronze Pieces ..	25,464,000	25,783,200	17,716,800	277,471,760

ASSURANCE AND INSURANCE.

Life Assurance. There were 20 companies transacting life assurance business in Victoria during 1949.

To afford protection to policy holders the following Victorian legislation was enacted:—

The *Industrial Life Assurance Act* 1938,

The *Industrial Life Assurance Act* 1940, and

The *Ordinary-Life Assurance Act* 1940.

These Acts were superseded by the *Commonwealth Life Insurance Act* 1945, which came into operation on 20th June, 1946.

Commonwealth Life Insurance Act 1945. The principal objects of the Act are (1) To replace all State legislation on the subject of life insurance and to provide a uniform basis for applying the requirements of these Acts to the whole of Australia; (2) To appoint an insurance commissioner who shall exercise supervision of the activities of life

insurance companies with a view to obtaining the greatest possible protection for policy holders; (3) To set up adequate machinery for dealing with any company that fails to maintain a required minimum standard of solvency.

The Act provides *inter alia* for uniform control of life insurance business throughout Australia and in such Australian Territories as are proclaimed. Rules are laid down for determining the value of a paid up policy or surrender value. Provision is also made that a policy will not lapse immediately if a premium is not paid.

The insurance commissioner is (subject to directions of the Treasurer) responsible for the administration of the Act.

The following table shows particulars of the policies in force in Victoria in the ordinary and industrial departments combined for each of the five years, 1945 to 1949. The figures are arranged according to the location of the head offices of the companies:—

VICTORIA—LIFE POLICIES IN FORCE, 1945 TO 1949.

Year.	Companies with Head Offices—			Total.	
	In Victoria.	In Other Australian States.	Outside Australia.		
NUMBER OF POLICIES—ORDINARY AND INDUSTRIAL COMBINED.					
1945	..	602,165	890,461	21,718	1,514,344
1946	..	633,520	944,850	22,871	1,601,241
1947	..	671,396	986,010	24,498	1,681,904
1948	..	704,654	1,032,198	26,111	1,762,963
1949	..	732,892	1,068,679	27,442	1,829,013
AMOUNT ASSURED—ORDINARY AND INDUSTRIAL POLICIES COMBINED.					
		£	£	£	£
1945	..	82,980,117	133,321,976	5,301,291	221,603,384
1946	..	94,149,207	147,930,602	6,187,127	248,266,936
1947	..	108,771,491	163,180,962	7,433,285	279,385,738
1948	..	124,715,632	181,066,913	8,624,860	314,407,405
1949	..	138,837,612	198,679,324	9,865,106	347,382,042

The figures in the preceding table relate to simple life assurance, endowment assurance, and pure endowment policies.

The next table contains particulars of life assurance policies in force in the ordinary and industrial departments of companies during each of the five years 1945 to 1949.

VICTORIA—LIFE ASSURANCE POLICIES IN FORCE
1945 TO 1949.

Heading.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
Ordinary Business—					
Number of Policies ..	444,725	481,765	530,255	580,559	622,439
Sum Assured £	167,559,907	189,606,539	216,493,064	246,527,993	274,736,122
Annual Premiums £	5,798,566	6,650,080	7,602,970	8,679,601	9,683,387
Industrial Business—					
Number of Policies ..	1,069,619	1,119,476	1,151,649	1,182,404	1,206,574
Sum Assured £	54,043,477	58,660,397	62,892,674	67,879,412	72,645,920
Annual Premiums £	3,163,753	3,401,647	3,568,925	3,757,345	3,929,489

In 1949 the average amount of policy held in the ordinary and in the industrial departments was £441 and £60 respectively.

The preceding table relates to policies in force. The succeeding table contains summarized information in relation to the new business written by all life assurance companies during each of the five years 1945 to 1949.

VICTORIA—LIFE ASSURANCE—NEW POLICIES ISSUED
1945 TO 1949.

Heading.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
Ordinary Business—					
Number of Policies ..	34,601	56,703	67,994	73,851	69,454
Sum Assured £	17,955,390	30,172,454	36,147,303	40,586,670	41,407,610
Annual Premiums £	670,296	1,089,700	1,339,820	1,484,485	1,516,738
Industrial Business—					
Number of Policies ..	91,539	114,936	95,603	96,441	93,877
Sum Assured £	6,138,533	8,233,037	7,919,331	9,066,938	9,214,709
Annual Premiums £	348,003	456,810	383,245	416,530	423,995

The new policies issued during 1949 averaged £596 in the Ordinary Department and £98 in the Industrial Department.

The following statement gives particulars of the policies which were discontinued during each of the years 1948 and 1949 :—

VICTORIA—LIFE ASSURANCE—POLICIES DISCONTINUED,
1948 AND 1949.

Cause of Discontinuance.	1948.		1949.	
	Number of Policies.	Sum Assured.	Number of Policies.	Sum Assured.
ORDINARY BUSINESS.				
		£		£
Death	3,158	1,361,305	3,405	1,617,859
Maturity	6,630	1,314,572	7,245	1,523,422
Surrender	8,623	4,715,856	10,615	6,015,196
Lapse	6,721	3,069,534	7,080	3,495,585
Other	—1,585*	90,473	—771	518,029
Total	23,547	10,551,740	27,574	13,170,091
INDUSTRIAL BUSINESS.				
		£		£
Death	6,217	253,752	6,171	251,203
Maturity	30,142	1,336,475	32,630	1,445,117
Surrender	12,137	728,857	11,620	649,537
Lapse	17,782	1,731,231	18,378	2,028,431
Other	463	30,365	908	63,913
Total	66,741	4,080,680	69,707	4,438,201

* Alterations to policies.

Returns of general insurance (other than life) business in Victoria for the year 1949–50 were received from 133 companies or other bodies, and the figures were compiled on the following basis :—

- (a) Premiums shown are the total amounts receivable during the year for policies issued or renewed less (1) reinsurances and returns of premium and (2) rebates and bonuses paid or credited to policy holders. These figures have not been

Insurance—
other than
life.

adjusted to allow for premiums unearned at the end premium income". In recent years figures have been income " appropriate to the year.

(b) Claims include those paid and outstanding at end of year

(c) Contributions to Fire Brigades, Commission and Agents'

(d) Taxation is mainly the amounts paid during the year and

The revenue and expenditure relating to the principal classes of

VICTORIA—GENERAL INSURANCE

Class of Business.	Revenue.	
	Premiums (Less Re-insurances and Returns).	Gross Claims or Losses (Less Re-insurances).
<i>Underwriting Department.</i>		
	£	£
Fire	3,897,392	855,906
Householders' Comprehensive	726,723	139,592
Sprinkler Leakage	20,867	3,493
Loss of Profits	368,588	114,312
Hailstone	119,729	111,292
Marine	1,535,075	630,206
Motor Vehicles (other than Motor Cycles)	2,357,577	1,412,089
Motor Cycles	76,605	66,916
Compulsory Third Party (Motor Vehicles)	973,728	946,471
Employers' Liability and Workmen's Compensation	3,347,698	1,782,337
Seamen's Compensation	169	..
Personal Accident	285,513	77,649
Public Risk, Third Party	87,107	29,195
General Property	9,312	2,810
Plate Glass	65,892	38,815
Boiler	4,209	122
Live-stock	47,515	24,829
Burglary	298,202	116,721
Guarantee	44,061	Cr. 1,483
Pluvius	16,446	11,975
Aviation	31,435	5,818
All Risks	115,056	62,715
Others	149,816	33,257
Total Premiums	14,578,715	..
<i>Investment Department.</i>		
Interest, Dividends, Rents, &c. (Net of Expenses)	677,856	..
Total	15,256,571	6,465,037

of the year. Therefore the amounts shown differ from "earned increasing and premiums receivable are greater than "earned premium

but those outstanding at the beginning of the year have been deducted. Charges and Expenses of Management are charges paid during the year. includes income tax based on the income of previous years.

insurance are shown in detail for 1949-50 in the following table:—

BUSINESS, 1949-50.

Expenditure.					
Contributions to Fire Brigades.	Commission and Agents' Charges.	Expenses of Management.		Taxation.	Total Expenditure.
		Victorian Office.	Australian Control Office.		
£	£	£	£	£	£
184,639	789,350	819,160	101,912	329,051	3,448,707
754	92,998	139,075	41,632	104,767	1,009,432
..	361,362	431,194	48,238	81,026	3,347,296
..	231,932	401,412	31,375	99,599	2,546,655
..	48,209	46,430	2,519	12,140	186,947
..	111,511	137,977	24,086	42,023	640,371
..
..
185,393	1,635,362	1,975,248	249,762	668,606	11,179,408

The percentage of Losses, Commission and Agents' Charges, Expenses of Management, and Taxation to Premium Income for 1949-50 was as follows:—

VICTORIA—GENERAL INSURANCE EXPENDITURE, 1949-50—
PROPORTION OF PREMIUM INCOME.

Class of Business.	Percentage of Premium Income.			
	Losses (Less Re- insurances).	Com- mission and Agents' Charges.	Total Expenses of Manage- ment.*	Taxation.
	%	%	%	%
Fire	21·96	} 15·38	17·94	6·41
Householders' Comprehensive	19·21			
Sprinkler Leakage	16·74			
Loss of Profits	31·01			
Hailstone	92·95			
Marine	41·05	6·06	11·77	6·82
Motor Vehicles (Excl. Motor Cycles)..	59·90	} 10·60	14·25	2·38
Motor Cycles	87·35			
Compulsory Third Party (Motor Vehicles)	97·20			
Employers' Liability and Workmen's Compensation	53·24	} 6·93	12·93	2·97
Seamen's Compensation .. .. .	..		
Personal Accident	27·20	16·88	17·14	4·25
Public Risk, Third Party	33·52	} 12·83	18·65	4·84
General Property	30·18			
Plate Glass	58·91			
Boiler	2·90			
Live Stock	52·26			
Burglary	39·14			
Guarantee .. .. .	..		
Pluvius	72·81			
Aviation	18·51			
All Risks	54·51			
Others	22·20			
Total	44·35	11·22	15·26	4·59

* Excluding contributions to Fire Brigades.

The following table shows the amount of premiums received and losses, under the larger classes of insurance, for each of the years 1945-46 to 1949-50. Similar details for Commission and Agents' Charges, expenses of management, &c. are not available separately:—

VICTORIA—GENERAL INSURANCE BUSINESS, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

Nature of Insurance.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	£	£	£	£	£
Fire—					
Premiums	2,199,289	2,451,511	2,837,598	3,358,334	3,897,392
Gross Claims or Losses	586,927	507,519	759,995	828,914	855,906
Marine—					
Premiums	612,707	776,274	1,058,819	1,254,249	1,535,075
Gross Claims or Losses*	131,621	162,335	414,875	463,263	630,206
Public Risk, Third Party—					
Premiums	44,842	54,513	57,401	68,503	87,107
Gross Claims or Losses	10,639	8,748	15,697	24,602	29,195
Employer's Liability and Workmen's Compensation—					
Premiums	950,136	1,414,015	2,242,541	2,866,254	3,347,698
Gross Claims or Losses	565,081	1,045,619	1,502,572	1,613,132	1,782,337
Plate Glass—					
Premiums	54,174	56,106	59,769	63,169	65,892
Gross Claims or Losses	29,616	33,635	32,994	38,177	38,815
Motor Vehicles (excl. Motor Cycles)—					
Premiums	613,770	800,039	1,174,343	1,777,200	2,357,577
Gross Claims or Losses	308,500	581,798	770,629	1,005,529	1,412,089
Motor Cycles—					
Premiums	8,348	12,458	31,254	52,607	76,605
Gross Claims or Losses	3,275	7,241	23,151	43,622	66,916
Compulsory Third Party (Motor Vehicles)—					
Premiums	276,560	292,785	462,974	694,213	973,728
Gross Claims or Losses	265,365	380,138	512,078	820,143	946,471
Burglary—					
Premiums	155,716	181,899	211,073	258,289	298,202
Gross Claims or Losses	39,334	51,759	56,095	86,099	116,721

* The amount of losses shown for each of the years 1945-46 and 1946-47 is understated as some claims on account of war damage were outstanding.

VICTORIA—GENERAL INSURANCE BUSINESS, 1945-46 TO
1949-50—continued.

Nature of Insurance.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	£	£	£	£	£
Loss of Profits—					
Premiums	149,760	179,403	215,774	322,222	368,588
Gross Claims or Losses ..	52,212	9,023	65,023	73,305	114,312
Householders' Comprehensive—					
Premiums	339,466	395,377	481,121	590,605	726,723
Gross Claims or Losses ..	75,042	88,210	113,301	124,139	139,592
Hailstone—					
Premiums	57,597	74,309	107,031	89,655	119,729
Gross Claims or Losses ..	16,982	20,649	21,959	185,525	111,292
All Risks—					
Premiums	45,525	58,584	73,063	94,643	115,056
Gross Claims or Losses ..	19,819	27,799	32,964	49,744	62,715
Others—					
Premiums	277,543	367,343	393,485	504,217	609,343
Gross Claims or Losses ..	120,984	85,256	148,299	138,134	158,470
Grand Total—					
Premiums	5,785,433	7,114,616	9,406,246	11,994,160	14,578,715
Gross Claims or Losses ..	2,225,397	3,009,729	4,469,642	5,494,328	6,465,037

The particulars given in the preceding tables relate to Victorian risks, that is, to all business written on the Victorian registers of the companies represented in the returns. The figures are net—the amounts paid to reinsuring offices in Australasia as well as returns of premium are deducted; the losses are reduced by the amounts recovered from Australasian reinsuring offices, but include losses on Victorian risks wherever paid. Premiums paid and losses recovered under reinsurances of Victorian business effected outside Australasia have not been deducted in compiling the figures.

The total expenditure on account of losses on all classes of insurance for the five years shown in the table represented 44 per cent. of the premiums.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

The Workers' Compensation Act No. 2496 of 1914 was the initial legislation making it obligatory for an employer to provide compensation for a personal injury caused to a worker by an accident arising out of and in course of his employment.

Reference to amending legislation up to and including the *Workers' Compensation Act 1938* (No. 4593) will be found in the 1938-39 issue of the *Year-Book*.

Additional amendments are contained in the *Workers' Compensation Act 1940* (No. 4762), the *Workers' Compensation (Amendment) Act 1941* (No. 4814), the *Workers' Compensation Act 1943* (No. 4974), the *Workers' Compensation Act 1946* (No. 5128), and the *Workers' Compensation (Police Force) Act 1948* (No. 5315).

A brief summary of the rates of workers' compensation payable is given hereunder. It should be noted that "worker" as defined under the Act does not include a person employed whose remuneration exceeds £750 a year.

- (a) Where death results from injury—if the worker leaves a widow or any children under sixteen years of age or leaves any other dependant wholly dependent upon his earnings—the sum of £1,000 plus £25 for each child under sixteen years of age.
- (b) Where total incapacity for work results from injury—weekly compensation of £4 plus £1 for wife or relative standing in *loco parentis* to children under sixteen years of age if wholly dependent on the earnings of the worker.
- (c) Where total incapacity for work results from injury, a payment of 10s. per week is made for each child under sixteen years of age if wholly or mainly dependent on the earnings of the worker.

The total weekly payment in respect of such worker, wife and children shall not exceed his average weekly earnings or £6 per week, whichever is the lesser and the whole amount payable shall not exceed £1,250.

Compulsory insurance. It is obligatory on every employer to obtain from the State Accident Insurance Office, or from an insurance company approved by the Governor in Council, a policy of accident insurance for the full amount of his liability under the Act. The number of approved insurance companies at 30th June, 1950, was 94.

Premiums, and gross claims or losses, in respect of employers' liability and workmen's compensation during each of the last five years appear on page 209.

MOTOR CAR—

The *Motor Car (Third-Party Insurance) Act* 1939, No. 4688, which owner of a motor vehicle to insure against any liability which may in respect of the death or bodily injury of any person, caused by or

Particulars of premiums, claims, &c., for 1948-49 and 1949-50,

Class of Motor Vehicle.	Number of Motor Cars Insured 1950. (a)	Premiums (Less Return Premiums) Received, Less Payments to Motor Car (Hospital) Payments Fund. Year Ended 30th June—		Premiums Earned being 50 Per Cent. of Columns (b) and (c). (d)
		1949. (b)	1950. (c)	

Particulars relating to Motor Cars usually garaged within a radius

		£	£	£
Private	115,844	263,287	348,873	306,080
Business	25,972	84,713	132,137	108,425
Light Goods	25,545	77,671	90,415	84,043
Heavy Goods	13,769	75,582	107,270	91,426
Miscellaneous	4,529	31,385	44,172	37,778
Motor Cycles	18,034	59,714	70,238	64,976
Visiting Motor Cars ..	330	109	138	124
Total	204,023	592,461	793,243	692,852

Particulars relating to Motor Cars usually garaged outside a radius

		£	£	£
Private	100,372	100,468	128,079	114,274
Business	5,810	9,719	14,275	11,997
Light Goods	36,686	44,507	63,901	54,204
Heavy Goods	18,428	83,462	98,306	90,884
Miscellaneous	10,352	26,308	25,812	26,060
Motor Cycles	14,902	23,146	26,131	24,638
Visiting Motor Cars ..	73	35	34	34
Total	186,623	287,645	356,538	322,091
Insurer's proportion of claims .. ..	..	..	..	..
Grand Total	390,646	880,106	1,149,781	1,014,943

THIRD PARTY INSURANCE.

came into force on 22nd January, 1941, made it compulsory for the be incurred by him, or any person who drives such motor vehicle, arising out of the use of such motor vehicle.

are shown in the following table :—

Number of Claims Made.	Payments Made in Respect of Claims.	Estimated Amount of Outstanding Claims at 30th June, 1950.	Estimated Amount of Outstanding Claims at 30th June, 1949.	Adjustment of Claims Paid and Outstanding at 30th June, 1950. Columns (f) and (g), less Column (h).
(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)

of 20 miles of the Post Office, Elizabeth-street, Melbourne.

2,024	£ 205,396	£ 433,305	£ 303,968	£ 334,733
569	57,652	151,388	110,217	98,823
565	65,746	140,771	105,661	100,856
554	80,564	192,347	145,923	126,988
404	53,363	98,770	87,877	64,256
400	38,063	76,317	50,017	64,363
..	..	500	..	500
4,516	500,784	1,093,398	803,663	790,519

of 20 miles of the Post Office, Elizabeth-street, Melbourne.

712	£ 75,850	£ 168,684	£ 105,724	£ 138,810
88	13,885	23,059	18,641	18,303
240	45,957	80,944	60,237	66,664
210	56,917	101,930	79,106	79,741
98	12,994	49,820	37,765	25,049
185	16,764	28,535	25,155	20,144
1	6	150	..	156
1,534	222,373	453,122	326,628	348,867
..	37,036	70,971	61,521	46,486
6,050	760,193	1,617,491	1,191,812	1,185,872

STATE ACCIDENT INSURANCE OFFICE.

With the passing of the first Workers' Compensation Act, a State Accident Insurance Office was established and commenced business on the day (7th November, 1914) on which the Act came into operation.

The *State Accident Insurance Fund Act* 1938 (No. 4535) authorized the investment of part of the Accident Insurance Reserve Fund in the purchase and remodelling, &c., of a building to be used by the State Accident Insurance Office.

The premium income, the claims paid, and the accumulated funds for each of the five years 1945-46 to 1949-50 are shown in the following table :—

VICTORIA—PREMIUMS RECEIVED, CLAIMS PAID, AND ACCUMULATED FUNDS OF THE STATE ACCIDENT INSURANCE OFFICE, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

Year ended 30th June—	Premiums Received, Less Re-insurances, Rebates, &c.	Claims (including those Outstanding).	Accumulated Funds.		
			General Reserve.	Bonus Reserve.	Building, &c. Reserve.
	£	£	£	£	£
1946	225,753	121,289	393,560	110,037	..
1947	289,085	280,878	393,560	110,037*	..
1948	501,292	352,624	400,817	..	..
1949	643,714	336,505	450,817	164,351	..
1950	757,723	351,447	500,000	383,037	50,000

* Triennial bonus distribution amongst policy-holders.

The net profit for the year 1949-50 amounted to £323,545 which was appropriated as follows :—General Reserve, £49,183; Bonus Reserve, £224,362; Building, &c. Reserve £50,000. The expense rate of the year was 7·3 per cent. and it compares very favourably with that of any other insurance office in Australia transacting Workers' Compensation Insurance business on similar lines. The number of claims settled in the year mentioned, and in course of settlement at the end of the year, was 16,045.

Motor car third party insurance. The *Motor Car (Third-Party Insurance) Act* 1939 (No. 4688) provided *inter alia* for the establishment of a State Motor Car Insurance Office under the management of the State Accident Insurance Commissioner, who is to be an authorized insurer and whose contracts of insurance will be guaranteed by the State Government. During the year ended 30th June, 1950, net premiums received in that office amounted to £130,907, while the amount of claims including those outstanding was £122,802. In addition there was paid to the Hospital Fund, created by the Act, an amount of £4,184, representing a deduction of 1s. 9d. from each premium received.

BUILDING SOCIETIES.

The provisions of the *Building Societies Act* 1874 made it compulsory for building societies to effect registration. Up to 31st December, 1949, the number of societies that had been registered was 160. There were 21 societies operating during 1949.

Particulars are given in the following table in respect of Permanent Societies, and Starr-Bowkett Societies, transacting business in Victoria during 1949 :—

VICTORIA—BUILDING SOCIETIES, 1949.

Heading.	Permanent Societies.	Starr-Bowkett Societies.	Total—All Societies.
Number of societies	20	2	21*
„ „ shareholders	5,527	5,917	11,444
„ „ borrowers	14,537	1,419	15,956
Transactions during the year—			
Income from loans and investments ..	426,886	23,737	450,623
Loans granted	3,020,698	158,911	3,179,609
Repayments	1,758,824	151,333	1,910,157
Deposits received	1,466,784	1,884	1,468,668
Working expenses including interest on deposits, &c.	279,375	9,330	288,705

* One society has both a Permanent and a Starr-Bowkett branch.

VICTORIA—BUILDING SOCIETIES, 1949—*continued*.

Heading.	Permanent Societies.	Starr- Bowkett Societies.	Total— All Societies.
Assets—	£	£	£
Loans on mortgage	8,451,123	574,140	9,025,263
Properties in possession or surrendered ..	215,086	2,800	217,886
Other advances .. .. .	..	9,464	9,464
Cash in hand, &c.	10,579	..	10,579
Commonwealth Loans including accrued interest	173,704	11,000	184,704
Other assets	15,044	1,463	16,507
Total	8,865,536	598,867	9,464,403
Liabilities—			
To shareholders	2,910,542	450,162	3,360,704
„ depositors	4,390,989	43,240	4,434,229
Reserve Funds	1,132,229	23,650	1,155,879
Bank overdraft	167,296	19,899	187,195
Profit and Loss Account	122,107	4,609	126,716
Other	142,373	57,307	199,680
Total	8,865,536	598,867	9,464,403

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES.

The succeeding table contains particulars for the year 1948-49 of the Co-operative Societies operating in Victoria. For the purposes of statistics Co-operative Societies have been defined as such producing, manufacturing, marketing, or distributing societies as substantially fulfil the following conditions:—

- (1) Dividend on share capital not to exceed 8 per cent.
- (2) The greater portion of the business of the company to be transacted with its own shareholders.
- (3) Any distribution of surplus, after payment of dividend on share capital, to be amongst suppliers or customers, in proportion to the business done with the company.
- (4) Voting powers to be limited.

The returns furnished by the societies have been divided into three classes—(a) those engaged in the production and marketing of primary products and trade requirements; (b) those engaged in retailing general household requirements; and (c) those that fulfil the functions of (a) and (b) but which cannot be classified under either of those headings. The first-mentioned may be described briefly as Producers' Co-operative and the second as Consumers' Co-operative Societies.

VICTORIA—CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES, 1948-49.

Heading.	Societies —			Total— All Societies.
	Producers'.	Consumers'.	Producers' and Consumers'.	
Number of Societies	58	28	9	95
Membership	39,808	14,031	4,556	58,395
	£	£	£	£
Purchases	6,647,636	1,319,345	2,296,483	10,263,464
Working Expenses, &c. ..	1,658,830	270,912	345,696	2,275,438
Interest on—				
Loan Capital	30,298	7,709	2,950	40,957
Bank Overdraft				
Rebates and Bonuses	40,110	53,065	15,449	108,624
Total Expenditure	8,376,874	1,651,031	2,660,578	12,688,483
Sales	8,044,813	1,588,087	2,658,987	12,291,887
Other Income	597,525	35,774	23,454	656,753
Total Income	8,642,338	1,623,861	2,682,441	12,948,640
Dividend on Share Capital ..	46,415	9,595	4,098	60,108
	£	£	£	£
<i>Liabilities—</i>				
Share Capital—Paid-up ..	1,109,604	363,009	97,144	1,569,757
Loan Capital	68,220	48,114	21,917	138,251
Bank Overdraft	788,681	165,883	74,252	1,028,816
Accumulated Profits	315,556	74,776	61,053	451,385
Reserve Funds	653,418	117,411	108,660	879,489
Sundry Creditors	1,009,341	93,362	128,812	1,231,515
Other Liabilities	153,116	22,094	85,364	260,574
Total	4,097,936	884,649	577,202	5,559,787
	£	£	£	£
<i>Assets—</i>				
Land and Buildings	1,575,058	364,460	259,485	2,199,003
Fittings, Plant and Machinery }				
Stock	818,579	295,912	160,691	1,275,182
Sundry Debtors	1,239,588	118,486	104,262	1,462,336
Cash in Bank, in Hand, or on				
Deposit	72,599	30,204	2,006	104,809
Profit and Loss Account ..	15,779	22,354	..	38,133
Other Assets	376,333	53,233	50,758	480,324
Total	4,097,936	884,649	577,202	5,559,787

TRUSTEES, EXECUTORS, AND AGENCY COMPANIES.

There are eight trustee companies transacting business in Victoria. From their published balance-sheets the following particulars for 1949-50 have been abstracted:—Paid-up capital, £530,530; reserve funds, &c., £565,809; other liabilities, £73,118; total liabilities, £1,169,457. The assets were:—Deposits with Government, £142,400; other investments in public securities, &c., £245,296; loans on mortgage, £37,013; property, £554,996; other assets, £189,752; total assets, £1,169,457. The net profits (after deducting taxation provision) were £49,967, and dividends and bonuses paid amounted to £38,250. The net profits were equivalent to 4·6 per cent. on the shareholders' funds, as represented by paid-up capital, reserves, and undivided profits.

PUBLIC TRUSTEE.

Under the provisions of the Public Trustee Acts the Public Trustee is authorized to act as executor of wills, to administer intestate estates or to act as an agent, attorney, or trustee. He is also authorized to act as custodian of the assets under settlements and trusts.

The control of the estates of patients in mental hospitals is vested in the Public Trustee who is empowered to assume control of the estates of persons who, by reason of mental or physical disability, are certified to be incapable of managing their affairs.

Consequent on the passing of the *Public Trustee Act* 1948 (No. 5286), the Public Trustee Fund at the State Treasury was abolished and the proceeds of all estates, as from 1st October, 1948, were invested in a Common Fund under the control of the Public Trustee. In the following table, particulars for the year 1948-49 have been adjusted to allow for the establishment of the Common Fund:—

**PUBLIC TRUSTEE FUND 1947-48, COMMON FUND
1948-49 AND 1949-50.**

	1947-48.	1948-49.	1949-50.
	£	£	£
Proceeds of Realizations, Rents, Interest, &c.	936,258	1,015,862	1,183,038
Investments, Distributions, Claims, &c. ..	941,773	882,455	845,919
Cash Variation	— 5,515	+ 133,407	+ 337,119
Balance at 1st July	67,036	.. .. .	.. .. .
Common Fund .. .. .	.. .. .	979,988	1,113,395
Balance at 30th June	61,521	1,113,395	1,450,514

The number of applications for probate and administration made by the Public Trustee for each of the years 1942-43 to 1949-50 are shown in the following table:—

1942-43	..	725	1946-47	..	1,013
1943-44	..	832	1947-48	..	886
1944-45	..	802	1948-49	..	949
1945-46	..	875	1949-50	..	940

During the year ended 30th June, 1950, 1,271 Wills (under which the Public Trustee was appointed executor) were lodged for safe custody.

LAND TRANSFERS, MORTGAGES, LIENS, ETC.

A summary of land transactions under the Transfer of Land Acts in the Titles Office for each of the last five years is given hereunder:—

VICTORIA—DEALINGS LODGED AT THE TITLES OFFICE (UNDER THE TRANSFER OF LAND ACTS), 1946 TO 1950.

Year Ended 31st December—	Number of Transfers.	Mortgages.		Number of—			
		Number.	Amount.*	Entries of Executor, Adminis- trator, or Survivor.	Plans of Sub- division.	Other Dealings.	Total Dealings.
			£				
1946 ..	72,434	18,055	7,029,988	8,844	1,702	24,071	125,106
1947 ..	69,924	21,342	12,921,227	9,124	2,339	22,664	125,393
1948 ..	71,718	21,926	17,262,624	8,742	2,436	21,780	126,602
1949 ..	87,950	27,868	21,135,810	8,801	2,836	25,974	153,429
1950 ..	100,474	35,914	24,338,621	8,906	3,010	30,106	178,410

* Excluding the amounts owing under mortgages given to secure overdrafts on current accounts.

VICTORIA—TITLES OF LAND ISSUED, 1946 TO 1950.

Year Ended 31st December—	Number of—			
	Certificates of Title.	Crown Grants.	Crown Leases.	Total Titles.
1946	17,065	1,680	127	18,872
1947	21,908	1,746	137	23,791
1948	29,194	1,801	135	31,130
1949	26,469	1,612	158	27,239
1950	22,092	2,171	138	24,401

Dealings
under the
Property Law
Act 1928.

A statement of mortgages, reconveyances, and conveyances registered under the *Property Law Act* 1928 (commonly known as the General Law) is also appended :—

VICTORIA—DEALINGS UNDER THE PROPERTY LAW ACT, 1946 TO 1950.

Year Ended 31st December—	Mortgages.		Reconveyances.		Conveyances.	
	Number.	Amount.*	Number.	Amount.†	Number.	Amount.
		£		£		£
1946 ..	801	456,464	788	203,833	3,063	2,524,246
1947 ..	903	385,850	794	210,809	3,001	2,446,392
1948 ..	849	555,922	810	162,209	2,714	2,622,648
1949 ..	904	682,599	862	215,343	3,170	3,519,318
1950 ..	1,210	3,406,434	968	216,987	3,726	5,823,711

* Excluding the amounts owing under mortgages given to secure overdrafts on current accounts.

† Excluding repayments designated "Principal and Interest".

The number and amount of stock mortgages, liens on wool, and liens on crops registered during each of the last five years are shown in the following table. Releases of liens are not required to be registered as, after the expiration of twelve months, the registration of all liens is automatically cancelled. Very few mortgagors of stock secure themselves by a registered release.

Stock
mortgages,
liens on wool
and crops.

VICTORIA—STOCK MORTGAGES AND LIENS ON WOOL AND CROPS, 1946 TO 1950.

Security.	Year Ended 31st December—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
Stock Mortgages—					
Number	361	434	622	491	494
Amount .. £	93,337	236,585	319,217	258,716	328,183
Liens on Wool—					
Number	29	18	14	33	48
Amount .. £	22,390	13,419	13,662	31,770	75,858
Liens on Crops—					
Number	1,401	812	417	293	205
Amount .. £	382,872	157,066	66,544	43,839	28,714
Total—					
Number	1,791	1,264	1,053	817	747
Amount .. £	498,599	407,070	399,423	334,325	432,755

**Bills and
contracts of
sale.**

The following are the numbers and amounts of bills and contracts of sale which have been filed in each of the last five years :—

VICTORIA—BILLS AND CONTRACTS OF SALE, 1946 TO 1950.

Security.	Year Ended 31st December—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
Bills of Sale—					
Number	2,332	2,893	2,968	3,249	3,739
Amount .. £	1,133,089	1,862,133	2,253,227	2,745,789	3,145,282
Contracts of Sale—					
Number	3	2	1	1	2
Amount .. £	4,608	100,225	561	315	40,200

COMPANIES.

The Companies Act No. 4602 of 1938, which was proclaimed on 1st May, 1939, consolidated and amended the law in relation to companies. Particulars of companies registered under Parts 1 and 2 of the Act, in so far as these are recorded in the Registrar-General's Office, are shown in the following statement:—

VICTORIA—COMPANIES, 1946 TO 1950.

	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	Number.	Number.	Number.	Number.	Number.
New Companies Registered—					
Victorian Trading	784	844	1,044	737	869
Foreign	68	69	70	78	72
Mining	10	12	7	10	5
Total	862	925	1,121	825	946
	£	£	£	£	£
Nominal Capital of New Companies—					
Victorian Trading	13,781,849	21,632,880	35,606,000	32,071,928	64,256,950
Foreign	19,764,440	14,487,791	21,912,871	17,208,077	30,829,379
Mining	88,190	1,265,600	578,000	301,250	277,000
Total	33,634,479	37,386,271	58,096,871	49,581,255	95,363,329
	Number.	Number.	Number.	Number.	Number.
Existing Companies—					
Victorian Trading	9,369	10,042	10,872	11,371	12,077
Foreign	804	856	913	977	1,035
Total	10,173	10,898	11,785	12,348	13,112
	£	£	£	£	£
Increase in Nominal Capital of existing Companies during the year—					
Victorian Trading	11,560,236	24,517,851	27,381,699	29,431,815	90,093,112
Mining	90,000	395,250	325,500	153,250	2,375,000
Total	11,650,236	24,913,101	27,707,199	29,585,065	92,468,112

The subscribed capital of the mining companies registered during the year 1950 was £97,000 at date of registration.

PART V.

LAW, CRIME, ETC.

Legal system
in Victoria.

A statement, giving the basic principles and main provisions of the law of Victoria, appears in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 189.

LITIGATION AND LEGAL BUSINESS.

Supreme
Court civil
business.

The Supreme Court of Victoria was established in 1852, and although the procedure was entirely remoulded by the *Judicature Act* 1883 (now incorporated in the *Supreme Court Act* 1928), its constitution and powers remain practically unaltered. There were, in 1950, ten Judges, viz., a Chief Justice and nine Puisne Judges. Three appointments were made during 1950.

The following is a statement of Supreme Court business during the five years 1946 to 1950 :—

VICTORIA—SUPREME COURT CIVIL CASES, 1946 TO 1950.

Heading.	Year Ended 31st December,—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
Number of places at which sittings were held	6	6	6	7	10
Causes entered—					
For assessment of damages	6	10	1	8	2
For trial	345	390	411	449	604
Number of causes tried—					
By juries of six	40	48	69	86	70
By a Judge	66	68	54	36	51
Verdicts returned for—					
Plaintiff	82	91	98	92	95
Defendant	24	25	25	30	26
Amounts awarded £	50,315	79,496	91,734	120,598	124,104
Writs of summons issued	957	1,027	1,157	1,271	1,512
Other original proceedings	147	54	36	46	107
Appellate proceedings (other than Criminal Appeals heard and determined)—					
By Full Court	39	43	36	45	44
By a Judge	58	53	61	68	49
Fees collected £	4,755	6,706	7,635	8,360	11,344

County Courts. County Courts have jurisdiction, both in equity and common law cases, limited to £500; but actions of tort or contract commenced in the Supreme Court may, under certain conditions, be remitted to the County Court, even although the amount claimed may exceed £500. At the present time County Courts are held at Melbourne and at nineteen other places in Victoria. Every Court has jurisdiction throughout the whole of Victoria.

VICTORIA—COUNTY COURT CASES, 1947 TO 1951.

Year Ended 31st December.					Number of Causes Tried.	Amount Sued for.	Amount Awarded.
						£	£
1947	..	..	..	..	2,105	527,045	165,055
1948	..	..	..	..	1,460	555,884	63,252
1949	..	..	..	..	1,355	811,742	41,502
1950	..	..	..	..	1,576	954,466	46,332
1951	..	..	..	..	1,591	1,092,465	47,600

Writs by the Sheriff.

The table hereunder records the number of writs received by the Sheriff in the five years, 1947 to 1951.

VICTORIA—WRITS RECEIVED BY THE SHERIFF, 1947 TO 1951.

Year Ended 31st December.				King's Writs against Person and Property.	Subjects' Writs against—		Total.
					The Person.	Property.	
1947	..	..	..	2	5	75	82
1948	..	..	..	4	4	87	95
1949	..	..	..	..	3	90	93
1950	..	..	..	7	2	106	115
1951	..	..	..	18	..	126	144

High Court of Australia.

A statement showing the nature of this court and the powers vested in it appears in the *Year-Book* for 1916-17, page 433.

BANKRUPTCIES.

A Bankruptcy Act passed by the Commonwealth Parliament in October, 1924, and amended in 1927, was brought into operation on 1st August, 1928. It supersedes the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Acts of the States, with the exception of any provisions relating to matters not dealt with in the Commonwealth Act.

The number of sequestrations, &c., in Victoria during each of the five years ended 31st July, 1951, under the *Commonwealth Bankruptcy Act 1924-1948*, and the amount of liabilities and assets relating thereto were as follows:—

VICTORIA—BANKRUPTCIES, 1947 TO 1951.

Year Ended 31st July—	Sequestration Orders and Orders for Administration of Deceased Debtors' Estates.	Compositions, Assignments, &c., under Part XI. of the Act.	Deeds of Arrangement under Part XII. of the Act.	Total.
NUMBER.				
1947	45	2	10	57
1948	50	2	18	70
1949	57	3	10	70
1950	78	4	14	96
1951	58	..	14	72
LIABILITIES.				
	£	£	£	£
1947	22,292	8,248	17,198	47,738
1948	54,014	55,612	88,687	198,313
1949	51,375	7,390	126,013	184,778
1950	139,743	85,965	43,959	269,667
1951	91,613	..	82,507	174,120
ASSETS.				
	£	£	£	£
1947	2,700	262	15,837	18,799
1948	16,788	23,201	52,433	92,422
1949	48,464	9,561	120,400	178,425
1950	39,152	28,716	38,745	106,613
1951	30,965	..	53,193	84,158

The yearly average number of sequestrations, declared liabilities and assets are shown in the subjoined table for each of the quinquennial periods ended in 1938, 1943 and 1948.

Period.	Yearly Average Number.	Yearly Average Declared Liabilities.	Yearly Average Declared Assets.
		£	£
1933-34 to 1937-38 ..	381	595,056	274,545
1938-39 to 1942-43 ..	296	297,886	128,033
1943-44 to 1947-48 ..	51	100,175	66,667

DIVORCE.

The present law in regard to divorce is contained in the *Marriage Act 1928*, as amended by the *Marriage (Divorce) Act 1933*.

The following table gives the number of petitions filed by husbands and wives respectively, and the number of decrees granted for dissolution of marriage, judicial separation, and nullity of marriage during the year 1950. Every decree of dissolution of marriage is in the first instance a decree *nisi* and is not made absolute till the expiration of not less than three months thereafter.

VICTORIA—DIVORCES, 1950.

	Petitions Filed by—			Decrees Granted to—		
	Husbands.	Wives.	Total.	Husbands.	Wives.	Total.
Dissolution of marriage ..	854	1,000	1,854	739	852	1,591
Judicial separation ..	..	5	5	..	2	2
Nullity of marriage ..	7	12	19	6	5	11
Total	861	1,017	1,878	745	859	1,604

The grounds upon which divorces were granted during the year 1950 were as set out in the following table:—

VICTORIA—DIVORCES, GROUNDS OF, 1950.

Grounds on which Granted.	Dissolution of Marriage.		Judicial Separation.		Nullity of Marriage.	
	Husbands' Petitions.	Wives' Petitions.	Husbands' Petitions.	Wives' Petitions.	Husbands' Petitions.	Wives' Petitions.
Adultery	199	158	..	..	..	..
Bigamy .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Bigamy and adultery ..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Cruelty .. ..	..	4	..	1	..	..
Desertion	520	660	..	1	..	..
Desertion and adultery ..	9	10	..	..	..	..
Drunkenness (habitual) ..	..	3	..	..	..	..
Drunkenness and cruelty .. ..	..	11	..	..	..	..
Impotence .. ..	..	..	..	..	6	4
Insanity	11	2	..	..	..	..
Sentences for crime ..	..	3	..	..	..	..
Total	739	852	..	2	6	5

The following table shows the number of petitioners to whom decrees were granted in 1950, the ages of such petitioners and the number of their issue as at date of decree :—

VICTORIA—DIVORCE PETITIONS GRANTED, AGES OF PETITIONERS AND ISSUE TO EXISTING MARRIAGE, 1950.

Ages (Years).	Dissolution of Marriage.		Judicial Separation.		Nullity of Marriage.		Number of Children.*	
	Husbands' Petitions.	Wives' Petitions.	Husbands' Petitions.	Wives' Petitions.	Husbands' Petitions.	Wives' Petitions.	Husbands' Petitions.	Wives' Petitions.
19 .. ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
20	2	3	..	..	..	..	1	2
21	2	5	..	..	..	..	2	5
22-25 ..	47	97	..	..	1	..	21	66
26-29 ..	120	153	..	..	1	2	89	131
30-34 ..	153	211	..	..	..	1	119	224
35-39 ..	155	153	..	1	1	..	161	210
40-44 ..	107	99	..	..	..	2	136	147
45-49 ..	68	76	..	..	1	..	103	134
50-54 ..	48	25	..	1	..	..	74	32
55-59 ..	23	20	..	..	1	..	44	42
60 .. ..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1
61	2	2	..	..	..	..	4	2
62	2	2	..	..	..	..	2	1
63	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
64	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
65	3	..	..	..	..	..	5	..
66	1	..	..	..	..	..	7	..
67	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	4
68	2	..	..	..	1	..	3	..
69	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
82 .. ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	739	852	..	2	6	5	775	1,002

* Of the total of 1,777, 1,772 relate to decrees for dissolution of marriage and 5 to the decrees for judicial separation.

Dissolutions of Marriage—Duration and Issue. In the following table particulars are given of the duration of marriage and the issue in respect of the petitions granted for dissolution of marriage during 1950 :—

VICTORIA—DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE, PETITIONS GRANTED; DURATION OF MARRIAGE AND ISSUE, 1950.

Duration of Marriage in Years.	Number of Children.									Total Dissolutions of Marriage.	Total Children.
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
Under 1 year ..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..
1 year ..	16	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	4
2 ..	28	14	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	43	16
3 ..	59	27	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	86	27
4 ..	57	38	7	1	..	..	..	..	..	103	55
5 ..	73	50	10	2	..	..	..	..	..	135	76
6 ..	61	48	13	2	1	..	..	..	..	125	84
7 ..	64	46	16	3	..	..	..	..	..	129	87
8 ..	50	41	14	5	..	..	..	..	..	110	84
9 ..	32	37	21	6	..	..	..	..	..	96	97
10 ..	25	30	13	6	2	..	..	..	..	76	82
11 ..	19	30	19	5	5	1	..	..	..	79	108
12 ..	16	23	13	2	7	1	..	..	..	62	88
13 ..	14	13	12	11	2	1	1	..	..	54	89
14 ..	18	20	17	3	1	..	..	..	..	59	67
15 ..	5	12	15	7	1	..	..	..	..	40	67
16 ..	6	12	12	5	2	1	..	..	1	39	72
17 ..	7	8	9	4	1	..	1	..	1	31	56
18 ..	7	10	8	6	3	2	1	1	..	38	79
19 ..	6	8	7	3	1	..	..	..	..	25	35
20 ..	3	16	10	3	2	1	..	..	..	35	58
21 ..	6	7	6	4	..	1	..	..	..	24	36
22 ..	4	3	4	2	1	1	1	..	..	16	32
23 ..	5	5	7	6	1	1	..	..	..	25	46
24 ..	1	4	9	5	1	4	1	1	..	26	74
25 ..	2	6	7	1	2	1	..	..	..	19	36
26 ..	..	2	2	6	1	1	..	..	..	12	33
27 ..	3	2	2	3	1	4	..	..	..	15	39
28 ..	2	1	6	1	..	..	..	..	..	10	16
29 ..	2	3	3	1	1	..	..	1	..	11	23
30 ..	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	4	6
31 ..	2	..	3	..	1	1	..	..	..	7	15
32 ..	1	..	2	2	..	1	..	..	..	4	11
33 ..	..	2	2	1	1	..	..	..	1	7	21
34 ..	..	1	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	5	13
35 ..	1	2	3	1	1	..	..	..	..	8	15
36 ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	8
38 ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	3
40 ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2
42 ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2
43 ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3
47 ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	3
48 ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	7
Total Dissolution of marriage ..	603	526	276	110	41	22	5	4	4	1,591	..
Total Children ..	..	526	552	330	164	110	30	28	32	..	1,772

The following table shows the ages of the parties concerned in the decrees for dissolution of marriage, petitions for which had been granted during 1950 :—

**VICTORIA—DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE, PETITIONS,
GRANTED—AGES OF PARTIES, 1950.**

Ages of Husbands in Years.	Ages of Wives in Years.											Total Husbands.
	Under 21.	21-25.	26-29.	30-34.	35-39.	40-44.	45-49.	50-54.	55-59.	60 and Over.	Not Stated.	
Under 21 ..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
21-25 ..	9	65	12	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	92
26-29 ..	1	102	122	23	5	2	..	..	..	..	..	255
30-34 ..	1	22	132	154	27	3	..	..	..	..	..	339
35-39 ..	..	5	34	139	127	12	2	1	..	..	1	321
40-44 ..	..	1	4	41	91	89	10	3	1	..	1	241
45-49 ..	..	1	1	9	30	53	50	7	3	..	2	156
50-54 ..	..	1	..	4	5	15	41	28	9	1	..	104
55-59 ..	..	1	1	..	4	3	15	7	13	7	..	51
60 and over ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	4	3	6	13	..	27
Not stated ..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
Total Wives..	12	199	307	376	290	178	122	49	32	21	5	1,591

In 1861 jurisdiction was conferred on the Supreme Court of Victoria in matrimonial matters. The *Divorce Act* 1889, which received the Royal Assent on 13th May, 1890, considerably extended the grounds upon which divorce might be granted.

The following is a statement of the number of decrees granted in Victoria for dissolution of marriage and for judicial separation during the period 1861 to 1890, for the decennial periods 1891-1900 to 1931-40, and for each of the years 1941 to 1950.

VICTORIA—DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE AND JUDICIAL SEPARATIONS, 1861 TO 1950.

Years Ended 31st December.	Decrees Granted for—	
	Dissolution of Marriage.	Judicial Separation.
1861-1890	348	71
1891-1900	949	14
1901-1910	1,255	6
1911-1920	2,499	14
1921-1930	4,403	16
1931-1940	6,495	16
1941	833	5
1942	953	2
1943	1,375	1
1944	1,670	2
1945	1,727	..
1946	1,619	3
1947	2,266	3
1948	1,660	2
1949	1,766	2
1950	1,591	2
Total—1891 to 1950	31,061	88
Total—1861 to 1950	31,409	159

RACECOURSE LICENCES AND PERMITS.

Racecourse
licences,
permits and
percentage
fees.

The Police Offences Acts provide that no professional race meetings shall be held except on a racecourse which is licensed under such Acts for horse races or for trotting races. A licence shall, unless cancelled, be in force for twelve months. For each licence there shall be paid a fee of £1 and also a sum equal to 3 per cent. of the gross revenue derived from the racecourse during the year immediately preceding the year for which the licence is required. It is provided, however, that where the gross revenue is less than £1,500 but more than £600, the sum payable shall be 2 per cent. of the gross revenue, and where the gross revenue is £600 or less no amount shall be payable in addition to the annual fee of £1.

A fee of £1 per day is payable for a permit for a picnic race meeting or for a mixed sports gathering, i.e., sports at which there is horse racing or trotting racing.

The amounts paid into Consolidated Revenue in each of the last ten years were as follows :—

**VICTORIA—REVENUE FROM RACECOURSE LICENCES,
PERMITS, AND PERCENTAGE FEES, 1941-42 TO 1950-51.**

Year Ended 30th June.			Amount.	Year Ended 30th June.			Amount.
			£				£
1942	..	..	15,095	1947	..	..	21,727
1943	..	..	13,525	1948	..	..	26,316
1944	..	..	11,688	1949	..	..	27,862
1945	..	..	14,049	1950	..	..	32,163
1946	..	..	18,429	1951	..	..	34,101

Under the *Police Offences (Race Meetings) Act* No. 5284 of 1948, the amount received in percentage fees payable on the gross revenue derived from racecourses not within 30 miles of the General Post Office, Melbourne, during the twelve months ended 31st July, 1948, and annually thereafter, is paid into a Treasury Fund known as the Country Racecourses Improvement Fund and used for subsidizing local expenditure on improvements to racecourses not being within 30 miles from Melbourne. The amounts paid to the Fund were £5,522 in 1949-50 and £6,573 in 1950-51.

CRIME.

Administration of the criminal law. Information relating to the administration of the criminal law in Victoria appears in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 196.

Abolition of death penalty in certain cases. The *Crimes Act*, No. 5379 of 1949, provided for amendments to certain penalties contained in the *Crimes Act* 1928. The most important of these are the abolition of the death penalty in all cases other than Treason and Murder, and that the sentence of death shall not be pronounced on persons under the age of eighteen years.

VICTORIA—CHILDREN'S COURTS.

Jurisdiction. The jurisdiction of Children's Courts is limited to children under the age of seventeen years. In 1939, the Children's Court Office was re-organized and the appointment was made of a Stipendiary Special Magistrate with jurisdiction throughout the State. He has the assistance of two Stipendiary Probation Officers who investigate problem cases which come before the Court. A clinic has been established for the purpose of dealing with cases referred to it by the court.

The table which follows shows the number of cases which were disposed of in Children's Courts during the year 1950.

VICTORIA—CHILDREN'S COURTS: CASES DISPOSED OF, 1950.

Nature of Offence.	Total.	Summarily Disposed of—				Committed for Trial.	
		Convicted.		Dismissed Withdrawn, Struck Out.			
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Against the person—							
Assaults	33	18	2	13	..	..	..
Others	33	20	..	13	..	..	..
Total	66	38	2	26	..	..	..
Against property—							
Larceny, &c.	1,917	1,416	62	424	15	..	..
Wilful damage	76	45	..	31	..	..	..
Others	64	60	1	2	1	..	..
Total	2,057	1,521	63	457	16	..	..
Against Good Order—							
Drunkenness	7	4	3	..	..	..	..
Others	75	48	2	21	4	..	..
Total	82	52	5	21	4	..	..
Other Offences, &c.—							
Traffic offences	297	227	15	51	4	..	..
Other offences	156	108	12	34	2	..	..
Neglected children ..	371	142	120	71	38	..	..
Total	824	477	147	156	44	..	..
Grand Total	3,029	2,088	217	660	64	..	..

The number of cases which were disposed of in Children's Courts in each of the five years 1946 to 1950 is given in the following statement:—

VICTORIA—CHILDREN'S COURTS: CASES DISPOSED OF
1946 TO 1950.

Nature of Offence.	Year Ended 31st December,—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
Against the person—					
Assaults	56	27	24	14	33
Others	15	59	51	70	33
Against Property—					
Larceny, &c. .. .	2,143	1,829	1,739	1,842	1,917
Wilful damage .. .	116	78	57	79	76
Others	78	77	20	30	64
Against Good Order— ..					
Drunkenness .. .	9	10	13	12	7
Others	149	78	81	68	75
Traffic offences .. .	544	448	356	286	297
Other offences .. .	154	163	138	122	156
Neglected children .. .	337	258	294	370	371
Total	3,601	3,027	2,773	2,893	3,029
Summarily convicted .. .	3,007	2,598	2,337	2,382	2,305
Summarily dismissed, &c. ..	589	427	425	503	724
Committed for trial .. .	5	2	11	8	..

Children's
Courts—cases,
how dealt with.

The following statement gives particulars of the manner in which the cases in the Children's Courts were disposed of by magistrates in 1950:—

VICTORIA—CHILDREN'S COURTS: CASES, HOW DEALT WITH, 1950.

How Dealt With.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Adjourned for period without probation ..	531	48	579
Released on probation	775	46	821
Committed to care of Children's Welfare Department	241	99	340
Committed to care of private person or Institution	1	..	1
Committed to reformatory	35	..	35
Fined	261	17	278
Released under Section 356 of <i>Crimes Act</i> 1928	5	..	5
Dismissed on payment of costs or damages or both	22	..	22
Discharged upon surety	7	..	7
Sentenced to term of imprisonment ..	1	..	1
Sentenced to imprisonment, the execution of which has been suspended	34	..	34
Convicted and discharged	83	6	89
Discharged with a caution	63	1	64
Otherwise dealt with	29	..	29
Summarily convicted	2,088	217	2,305
Summarily dismissed, &c.	660	64	724
Committed for trial .. ..	..	..	..
Grand Total	2,748	281	3,029

**Children's
Courts—
probation
cases.**

In the following table particulars are given of the cases in which children were released on probation by magistrates in Children's Courts during the five years 1946 to 1950.

VICTORIA—CHILDREN'S COURTS: PROBATION CASES, 1946 TO 1950.

Year Ended 31st December.	Cases Released on Probation.	Results of Probation.		
		Satisfactory.	Fair.	Unsatisfactory.
	No.	%	%	%
1946	663	73	8	19
1947	643	78	6	16
1948	737	79	6	15
1949	764	81	5	14
1950	821	75	7	18

VICTORIA—COURTS OF PETTY SESSIONS.

Petty Sessions civil business. In 1950, Courts of Petty Sessions by stipendiary magistrates and honorary justices were held at 227 places in Victoria. Clerks of courts of ten years' standing, who have passed the prescribed examination, and barristers of five years' standing are eligible for appointment as stipendiary magistrates, but there is no legal training or knowledge of the law required as a condition precedent to the appointment of a person as an honorary justice of the peace. The jurisdiction in civil cases is limited to what may be called ordinary debts, damages for assault, and restitution of goods, where the amount in dispute does not exceed £50. Particulars of civil cases, &c., heard during the five years 1946 to 1950 as shown below, were compiled from quarterly statements prepared by Clerks of Petty Sessions for the Law Department.

VICTORIA—COURTS OF PETTY SESSIONS: CIVIL CASES,
ETC., 1946 TO 1950.

Heading.	Year Ended 31st December—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
Civil cases—					
Number heard	31,686	34,624	34,914	39,490	45,174
Debts or damages—					
Claimed £	342,484	375,640	355,318	462,614	505,908
Awarded £	244,146	261,860	261,229	338,606	365,257
Other cases—					
Appeals against rates ..	534	217	331	424	350
Ejectment cases	3,681	3,526	3,322	3,008	3,875
Fraud summonses	1,980	2,278	2,409	2,357	2,178
Garnishee cases	876	883	873	1,093	991
Maintenance cases	1,560	1,364	1,267	1,281	1,274
Show cause summonses ..	1,367	1,487	1,672	2,009	2,350
Applications under Landlord and Tenant Acts	3,836	494	451	1,165	1,455
Other	3,512	5,024	3,353	3,088	4,090
Licences and certificates issued..	17,582	15,191	14,251	16,592	17,744

VICTORIA—ARREST CASES SUMMARILY DISPOSED OF IN COURTS OF PETTY SESSIONS, 1950.

How Disposed of.	Year Ended 31st December, 1950.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Fined	12,871	952	13,823
Imprisonment for—			
Under 1 month	4,686	539	5,225
1 month and under 6 months	1,755	126	1,881
6 months and under 12 months	187	23	210
1 year and under 2 years	21	..	21
Admonished (convicted and discharged)	7,306	610	7,916
Ordered to find bail or sentence suspended on entering surety	416	82	498
Sent to reformatory schools	17	..	17
Committed to Children's Welfare Department	150	6	156
Otherwise dealt with	141	16	157
Total convicted	27,550	2,354	29,904
Dismissed, withdrawn, struck out	1,467	149	1,616
Total summarily disposed of	29,017	2,503	31,520

VICTORIA—COURTS OF PETTY SESSIONS AND CHILDREN'S COURTS.

In the following statistical tables details are given of the total number of cases dealt with in Courts of Petty Sessions and Children's Courts. If it be desired to compare the figures in these tables with those relating to other States or countries it is necessary that consideration be given to several points. The first is that the criminal law in the places compared be substantially the same; the second, that it be administered with equal strictness; and the third, that proper allowances be made for differences in the age and sex constitution of the population. These points must also be taken into account in comparing crime in recent years with that in previous periods when there may have been differences in the law and when the population was very differently constituted in regard to sex and age.

VICTORIA—ARRESTS AND SUMMONSES FOR VARIOUS OFFENCES, 1950.

Nature of Offence.	Total Cases.	Summarily Disposed of—				Committed for Trial.	
		Convicted.		Dismissed, Withdrawn, Struck Out.			
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Against the person—							
Murder* ..	16	..	..	11	5	..	..
Intent to murder ..	18	..	..	8	..	10	..
Manslaughter* ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Shooting at, wounding, &c. ..	98	5	1	17	..	74	1
Assaults ..	1,660	820	53	679	98	10	..
Others ..	300	43	2	52	5	189	9
Total ..	2,092	868	56	767	108	283	10
Against property—							
Robbery, Shop-breaking, house-breaking, &c. ..	955	124	2	40	1	777	11
Larceny and similar offences ..	4,033	2,747	259	637	60	310	20
Wilful damage ..	326	222	12	73	9	9	1
Others ..	1,184	902	12	166	7	92	5
Total ..	6,498	3,995	285	916	77	1,188	37
Forgery and offences against the currency	80	..	..	..	..	54	26
Against good order—							
Drunkenness† ..	21,248	19,366	1,637	226	19	..	..
Others ..	9,216	6,987	1,231	867	124	7	..
Total ..	30,464	26,353	2,868	1,093	143	7	..
Other offences—							
Breaches of—							
Education Act ..	2,288	1,529	499	192	68	..	..
Licensing Act ..	3,399	2,637	264	408	90	..	..
Motor Car Act ..	17,250	15,773	331	1,126	20	..	..
Traffic Regulations	10,884	10,028	346	489	21	..	..
Vermín and Noxious Weeds Act ..	323	246	42	28	7	..	..
Miscellaneous ..	23,923	20,186	1,567	1,936	201	25	8
Total ..	58,067	50,399	3,049	4,179	407	25	8
Grand Total ..	97,201	81,615	6,258	6,955	735	1,557	81

* See Inquests, page 242, on proceedings relating to persons charged with these offences.

† See footnote on page 238.

**Arrest and
summons
cases.**

Particulars of the arrest and summons cases for the five years 1946 to 1950 are given in the subjoined table.

VICTORIA—ARREST AND SUMMONS CASES, 1946 TO 1950.

Year Ended 31st December.			Arrest Cases.		Summons Cases.		Total.
			Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	
1946	..	..	20,117	1,904	38,407	4,055	64,483
1947	..	..	22,784	2,300	45,123	3,783	73,990
1948	..	..	24,394	2,233	46,779	3,110	76,516
1949	..	..	25,740	2,283	48,932	3,556	80,511
1950	..	..	30,431	2,572	59,696	4,502	97,201

The following table shows, for each of the five years specified, the number of offences for which persons were arrested or summoned, summarily convicted, dismissed, or committed for trial.

**VICTORIA—DISPOSAL OF ARREST AND SUMMONS CASES,
1946 TO 1950.**

Year Ended 31st December.			Total.	Summarily Convicted.	Dismissed, Struck Out, or Withdrawn.	Committed for Trial.
1946	..	..	64,483	56,623	6,327	1,533
1947	..	..	73,990	66,086	6,121	1,783
1948	..	..	76,516	68,243	6,277	1,996
1949	..	..	80,511	72,416	6,344	1,751
1950	..	..	97,201	87,873	7,690	1,638
Number per 10,000 of Population.						
1946	..	..	317·5	278·8	31·2	7·5
1947	..	..	362·7	323·9	30·1	8·7
1948	..	..	366·1	326·5	30·1	9·5
1949	..	..	376·4	338·6	29·6	8·2
1950	..	..	441·0	398·7	34·9	7·4

NOTE.—The convictions in respect of drunkenness include those cases in which offenders were discharged by magistrates on a first appearance. Prior to 1936 such cases were not treated as convictions.

CRIME AND DRUNKENNESS.

**Alteration in
method of
tabulation.**

The statistics of crime and drunkenness for the years subsequent to 1932 were compiled on a basis which differed from that for the years 1893 to 1932. The particulars for the years 1933 to 1950 represent, in respect of multiple charges, the total number of all offences with which arrested persons were charged whereas, for the period 1893 to 1932, only the most serious offence in each case was tabulated. Summons cases in 1933 to 1950 relate, as in previous years, to all offences with which a person was charged. The statistics for the past eighteen years are comparable, therefore, with those for the years prior to 1893, appearing in earlier issues of the *Year Book*.

**Offences
against the
person and
property.**

Almost all serious crimes are either offences against the person or offences against property. The first-named consist mainly of assault, but include murder, manslaughter, shooting, wounding, and all crimes of lust. Offences against property consist principally of larceny and similar offences, but include burglary, house and shop-breaking, robbery, &c., cattle stealing, and wilful damage to property.

Other offences.

The only serious crimes included under "Other Offences" are forgery, counterfeiting, conspiracy, and perjury. These were very few in number, there having been in Victoria in 1950 only 89 of such charges out of a total of 67,363 in the category to which they belong. The cases under the heading "Other Offences" were mainly breaches of various Acts of Parliament, by-laws, &c., which indicate no degree of criminal instinct or intent on the part of the person charged. There was also among them a large number of offences against good order, including offensive behaviour, indecent language, vagrancy, &c.

**Offences and
drunkenness.**

The following table shows, for a series of years, the numbers of arrest and summons cases, and also the numbers per 1,000 of the population, tabulated according to the only classes of offences for which complete comparisons can be made. The particulars include cases (other than those of neglected children) disposed of in Children's Courts.

VICTORIA—OFFENCES AND DRUNKENNESS, 1890 TO 1950.

Year Ended 31st December.			Number of Arrest and Summons Cases—				
			Offences Against the Person.	Offences Against Property.	Drunkenness.	Other Offences.	Total.
1890	..	..	4,091	5,036	18,501	36,456	64,084
1895*	..	..	2,344	3,336	11,143	20,843	37,666
1900*	..	..	2,103	3,106	15,878	28,003	49,090
1910*	..	..	1,663	3,052	12,719	34,626	52,060
1920*	..	..	1,909	4,877	7,154	42,758	56,698
1930*	..	..	1,680	5,078	8,132	41,859	56,749
1940	..	..	1,346	7,698	11,619	65,624	86,287
1941	..	..	1,380	7,329	12,064	56,230	77,003
1942	..	..	1,632	8,210	12,887	51,769	74,498
1943	..	..	1,618	8,268	12,561	48,646	71,093
1944	..	..	1,660	7,874	12,518	42,837	64,889
1945	..	..	1,711	6,535	10,534	41,964	60,744
1946	..	..	1,920	6,591	11,720	44,252	64,483
1947	..	..	1,956	6,144	14,952	50,938	73,990
1948	..	..	1,972	6,378	16,600	51,566	76,516
1949	..	..	1,945	5,909	17,972	54,685	80,511
1950	..	..	2,092	6,498	21,248	67,363	97,201
Number of Arrest and Summons Cases per 1,000 of Population.							
1890	..	..	3·66	4·50	16·54	32·59	57·29
1895*	..	..	1·98	2·82	9·41	17·60	31·81
1900*	..	..	1·76	2·60	13·31	23·47	41·14
1910*	..	..	1·30	2·38	9·92	27·00	40·60
1920*	..	..	1·26	3·23	4·73	28·27	37·49
1930*	..	..	0·94	2·84	4·55	23·44	31·77
1940	..	..	0·71	4·04	6·10	34·47	45·32
1941	..	..	0·71	3·79	6·23	29·04	39·77
1942	..	..	0·83	4·18	6·57	26·37	37·95
1943	..	..	0·82	4·18	6·35	24·60	35·95
1944	..	..	0·83	3·95	6·28	21·48	32·54
1945	..	..	0·85	3·25	5·23	20·86	30·19
1946	..	..	0·95	3·25	5·77	21·79	31·76
1947	..	..	0·96	3·01	7·33	24·97	36·27
1948	..	..	0·94	3·05	7·94	24·68	36·61
1949	..	..	0·91	2·76	8·40	25·57	37·64
1950	..	..	0·95	2·95	9·64	30·57	44·11

* See paragraph "Alteration in method of tabulation" on page 239.

Drunkenness. The number of persons and the number per 1,000 of the population arrested or summoned for drunkenness during the five years 1946 to 1950 are given hereunder :—

VICTORIA—PERSONS ARRESTED OR SUMMONED FOR DRUNKENNESS, 1946 TO 1950.

Year Ended 31st December.	Number of Persons—			Number per 1,000 of Population.
	Arrested.	Summoned.	Total.	
1946	11,704	16	11,720	5.77
1947	14,921	31	14,952	7.33
1948	16,554	46	16,600	7.94
1949	17,943	29	17,972	8.40
1950	21,203	45	21,248	9.64

Drunkenness —Comparison with previous years. If the amount of drunkenness in proportion to population, as measured by the number of charges therefor, be represented by 100 as the yearly average for the period 1874–78, the corresponding numbers for subsequent periods will show the comparative increase or decrease. These numbers are given in the following table :—

VICTORIA—DRUNKENNESS, 1874 TO 1950.

Years Ended 31st December.	Index Number.	Years Ended 31st December.	Index Number.
1874–78	100	1923–27	41
1879–85	88	1928–32	30
1886–92	106	1933–37	36
1893–97	65	1938–42	42
1898–1902 ..	84	1943–47	42
1903–07	77	1948	54
1908–12	68	1949	57
1913–17	59	1950	66
1918–22	32		

A considerable decrease in drunkenness is shown for the five years 1893–97, which was a period of general depression, followed by an increase in the subsequent five-yearly period. A similar trend is shown for the depression years 1923–32 and subsequent years. In the middle of the year 1915, an Act was passed reducing the number of hours during which alcoholic liquors could be sold in hotels, and a further reduction was made in the following year.

Young persons charged with drunkenness. The accompanying table shows for the five years 1946 to 1950 the number of persons under 20 years of age arrested for drunkenness.

VICTORIA—ARRESTS OF PERSONS UNDER 20 YEARS OF AGE CHARGED WITH DRUNKENNESS, 1946 TO 1950.

Year Ended 31st December.	Numbers.		Total.
	Males.	Females.	
1946	210	17	227
1947	267	19	286
1948	249	9	258
1949	311	14	325
1950	323	16	339

INQUESTS.

Coroner's jurisdiction. A Coroner has jurisdiction to hold an inquest concerning the manner of death of any person who is slain or drowned or who dies suddenly or in prison or while detained in any hospital for the insane and whose body is lying dead within the district in which such coroner has jurisdiction.

His duties in relation thereto are regulated by the *Coroners Act* 1928 and there are special provisions relating to inquests in other Acts, such as the *Mines Act*, *Children's Welfare Act*, and *Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Act*. Coroners and deputy-coroners are appointed by the Governor in Council, every Stipendiary Magistrate being appointed a coroner for the State of Victoria. Deputy-coroners have jurisdiction in the districts for which they have been appointed. In addition, a justice of the peace has jurisdiction, within his bailiwick, to hold an inquest, but only if requested to do so by a police officer in charge of a station, or by a coroner.

In the majority of cases the coroner acts alone in holding an inquest, but in certain cases a jury is empanelled. This is done (a) when the coroner considers it desirable; (b) when in any specified case a law officer so directs; and (c) when it is expressly provided in any Act, (as is the case under the *Mines Act*) that an inquest shall be taken with jurors. It is an essential preliminary in all cases that the coroner and the jury, if any, shall view the body, otherwise the inquest is void.

When a person is arrested and charged before a Justice or Court with murder or manslaughter, those proceedings are adjourned from time to time pending the holding of the inquest. If the inquest results in a finding against that person of murder or manslaughter, the coroner issues his warrant committing him for trial, the other proceedings being then withdrawn.

The following shows the number of inquest cases in Victoria during the years 1946 to 1950, and the number of persons subsequently committed for trial. The information was furnished by the Department of Law.

Year Ended 31st December.	Inquests into Deaths of—			Persons Committed for Trial.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
1946	1,184	558	1,742	20	2	22
1947	1,226	586	1,812	17	..	17
1948	1,207	577	1,784	21	6	27
1949	1,243	521	1,764	15	2	17
1950	1,314	602	1,916	36	6	42

The charges on which persons were committed for trial by Coroners were :—

Year.	Murder.			Manslaughter.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
1946.. ..	7	1	8	13	1	14
1947.. ..	8	..	8	9	..	9
1948.. ..	11	4	15	10	2	12
1949.. ..	7	1	8	8	1	9
1950.. ..	26	6	32	10	..	10

HIGHER COURTS.

The number of distinct persons convicted in the Supreme Court and in Courts of General Sessions in Victoria during each of the years 1946 to 1950 is shown below. The offences of distinct persons convicted during 1950 are detailed in tabulations immediately following.

HIGHER COURTS—DISTINCT PERSONS CONVICTED— 1946 to 1950.

Year Ended 31st December—	Males.			Total.
	Against the Person.	Against Property.	Other.	
1946	136	476	56	668
1947	164	538	43	745
1948	171	556	39	766
1949	128	480	37	645
1950	176	476	22	674

Year Ended 31st December—	Females.			Total.
	Against the Person.	Against Property.	Other.	
1946	14	19	9	42
1947	8	28	4	40
1948	14	16	10	40
1949	4	14	6	24
1950	13	19	15	47

**Committals
for trial—
convictions.**

The following table shows the offences of distinct persons
Sessions in Victoria during 1950 after committal from
Where a person was charged with more than one offence

HIGHER COURTS—OFFENCES AND AGES OF DISTINCT PERSONS

Offence.	Males (Ages in Years).															
	15.	16.	17.	18.	19.	20.	21 to 24.	25 to 29.	30 to 34.	35 to 39.	40 to 44.	45 to 49.	50 to 59.	60 to 69.	70 and Over.	
MALES.																
Against the Person—																
Murder	2	1	..	..	2	..	..	..
Murder, attempted	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Manslaughter	1	1	5	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..
Wounding, &c., or inflict grievous bodily harm	1	2	3	5	6	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Shoot at with intent to do grievous bodily harm	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Unlawfully wounding	1	1	1	..	3	..	2	1	..	..	..	1	..
Assault	1	1	..	3	6	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Against Females—																
Rape	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rape, assault with intent to	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Carnal knowledge	2	1	1	..	5	5	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Carnal knowledge, at- tempted	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Incest and attempted	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Indecent assault	3	3	1	1	3	8	..	3	3	6	2	4	1	1
Unnatural offence	1	1	4	2	2	1	3	4	1	..	..
Unnatural offence, at- tempted	1	..	..	..	1	..
Indecent assault on male	1	..	..	1	4	2	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..
Bigamy	2	4	4	2	..	..	1	..	..	..
Aiding and abetting the offence of Bigamy	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Attempted suicide	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Total against the Person	6	6	8	9	30	46	15	15	9	10	14	8	1	1
Against Property—																
Robbery and attempted robbery	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Robbery under Arms	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Robbery with violence	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Robbery in company	1	..	..	8	2	2	1	..	2	..	..	..	..
Robbery, assault with intent	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Burglary	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Housebreaking	12	9	14	12	..	33	14	8	10	6	2	3	2	..	..

(a) Two executed on 19th February, 1951. One commuted to 5 years' imprisonment; one commuted to life imprisonment with benefit of regulations relating to remission of sentences; and one to imprisonment for life without any remission and without the benefit of regulations relating to remission of sentences.

who were convicted in the Supreme Court and in Courts of General Children's Courts, Courts of Petty Sessions and Coroner's Inquests. the principal offence only has been counted :—

CONVICTED 1950 (PRINCIPAL OFFENCE ONLY COUNTED).

		How Dealt with.																			
Not Stated.	Total.	Fined.	Imprisoned for—														Life.	Death Sentence.	Sentence Suspended on Entering a Bond.	Sent to Reformatory Prison.	Committed to Children's Welfare Department.
			Months.					Years.													
			Under 3.	3 and Under 6.	6 and Under 12.	12.	Over 12 to 18.	2 to 2½.	3.	4.	5.	7.	8.	10.	12.						
5	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	(a)5	..	..	..
1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	2	..	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	..
10	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
20	20	..	3	4	4	4	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..
5	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..
9	9	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..
12	12	..	2	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..
2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
18	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	..	..
3	3	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
3	3	..	..	..	7	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
38	38	..	2	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	1	..
19	19	..	..	5	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	..
2	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
11	11	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..
13	13	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..
1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
3	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
177	177	..	7	6	28	7	4	8	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	..	(a)5	99	1	..	
1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
16	16	..	..	..	2	3	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..
1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..
2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..
125	125	..	4	(b)21	(c)22	15	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	40	11	..

(b) Including four who at expiration of sentence were committed to Reformatory Prison during the Governor's pleasure.

(c) Including two who at expiration of sentence were committed to Reformatory Prison during the Governor's pleasure.

HIGHER COURTS—OFFENCES AND AGES OF DISTINCT PERSONS

	Males (Ages in Years).															
Offence.	15.	16.	17.	18.	19.	20.	21 to 24.	25 to 29.	30 to 34.	35 to 39.	40 to 44.	45 to 49.	50 to 59.	60 to 69.	70 and Over.	
Against Property— <i>continued</i> —																
Shop, office, store, factory, &c., breaking ..			13	14	15	14	47	30	15	10	4	3	1	1		
Larceny in a dwelling ..				1	2				1	1	2	2	1			
Larceny as a clerk or servant ..				1			1	1		1		1	2			
Larceny as a bailee ..			1				1									
Larceny of postal articles ..									1						1	
Larceny, all other ..			3	4	4	6	11	11	6	7	1	1	1	1		
Cattle stealing ..				1		2	1									
Horse stealing ..							1									
Sheep stealing ..							1									
Breaking and entering ..					2	2		4	2			2				
Fraudulently omitting to account for money ..							1	1								
Accessory after the fact to a felony ..								1			1					
Unlawful possession of ex- plosives ..								1			1					
Embezzlement ..								2								
False pretences ..							2	5		2	2			1	1	
Unlawfully receiving ..			1	3	2	3	5	7	10	7	2			1		
Arson and attempted ..												1	1			
Wilful damage ..						1										
Total against Property			30	37	41	39	117	79	44	40	18	14	11	6		
Forgery and uttering ..							4	3	3	1	1	1	1			
Other Offences—																
False statement on oath ..							1									
Perjury ..								2								
Offence against <i>Bankruptcy Act 1924-28</i> ..														1		
Fabricating evidence with intent to mislead and so pervert the course of law and justice ..								1		1						
Breach of <i>Post and Telegraph Act 1901-1949</i> ..									1							
Common Law (public mis- chief) ..											1					
Total Other Offences..							1	3	1	1	1			1		
Grand Total—Males ..			36	43	49	48	152	131	63	57	29	25	26	15	1	

CONVICTED 1950 (PRINCIPAL OFFENCE ONLY COUNTED)—*continued.*

		How Dealt with.																						
Not Stated.	Total.	Fined.	Imprisoned for—												Life.	Death Sentence.	Sentence Suspended on Entering a Bond.	Sent to Reformatory Prison.	Committed to Children's Welfare Department.					
			Months.					Years.																
			Under 3.	3 and Under 6.	6 and Under 12.	12.	Over 12 to 18.	2 to 2½.	3.	4.	5.	7.	8.	10.						12.				
..	167	..	..	13	20	28	(d)8	9	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	79	9	..
..	10	..	..	..	..	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..			
..	7	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..			
..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..			
..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..			
..	56	..	..	5	12	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	32	2	..
..	4	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..			
..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..			
..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	12	..	..	..	6	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..			
..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..			
..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..			
..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..			
..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	13	..	..	2	5	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..			
..	41	..	..	..	12	3	5	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..			
..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	..	..			
..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..			
..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..			
..	476	..	..	24	83	66	34	32	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	210	23	..
..	14	..	..	..	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..			
..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..			
..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..			
..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..			
..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..			
..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..			
..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..			
..	8	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..			
..	675	..	7	30	114	76	39	40	5	2	2	2	2	2	1	..	(a)5	324	24	..				

(d) Including one who at expiration of sentence was committed to Reformatory Prison during the Governor's pleasure.

HIGHER COURTS—OFFENCES AND AGES OF DISTINCT PERSONS

Offence.	Females (Ages in Years).														
	15.	16.	17.	18.	19.	20.	21 to 24.	25 to 29.	30 to 34.	35 to 39.	40 to 44.	45 to 49.	50 to 59.	60 to 69.	70 and Over.
FEMALES.															
Against the Person—															
Murder									1						
Manslaughter											1		1		
Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm ..									1						
Bigamy							2	3	3						
Administering poison with intent to aggrieve or annoy									1						
Total against the Person							2	3	6		1		1		
Against Property—															
Housebreaking and stealing							4		1	1					
Shopbreaking and stealing				1			2			2	1				
Larceny, all other								2	1				1		
Unlawfully receiving								1			1				
False pretences									1						
Total against Property				1			6	3	3	3	2		1		
Forgery and uttering					1		2	2	2	1		1			
Other Offences—															
Perjury							1	2							
Make false declaration on oath				1					1						
Fabricating evidence with intent to mislead and so pervert the course of law and justice										1					
Total Other Offences ..				1			1	2	1	1					
Grand Total—Females				2	1		11	10	12	5	3	1	2		
Total — Males and Females		36	45	50	48	163	141	75	62	32	26	28	15		1

CONVICTED 1950 (PRINCIPAL OFFENCE ONLY COUNTED)—continued.

		How Dealt with.																										
Not Stated.	Total.	Fined.	Imprisoned for—														Life.	Death Sentence.	Sentence Suspended on Entering a Bond.	Sent to Reformatory Prison.	Committed to Children's Welfare Department.							
			Months.					Years.																				
			Under 3.	3 and Under 6.	6 and Under 12.	12.	Over 12 to 18.	2 to 2½.	3.	4.	5.	7.	8.	10.	12.													
..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	(a)1	1	..	..						
..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..						
..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..						
..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..						
..	13	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	(a)1	11	..	..						
..	6	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..						
..	6	..	..	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..						
..	4	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..						
..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..						
..	19	..	..	3	4	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	..						
..	9	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..						
..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..						
..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..						
..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..						
..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..						
..	47	..	..	3	5	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	(a)1	36	..	..						
..	722	..	7	33	119	76	40	41	5	2	2	2	2	2	1	..	(a)6	360	24	..								

(a) Executed on 19th February, 1951.

REGULATION OF LIQUOR TRADE.

**Licences
Reduction
Board.**

Information relating to the nature of the duties of and the powers vested in the Licences Reduction Board is given in the *Year-Book* for 1915-16, page 476, and in that for 1928-29, page 213.

To 31st December, 1950, 1,863 hotels had been closed by the Board or had surrendered their licences. Of these hotels 530 were located in metropolitan districts, and the compensation paid amounted to £581,662, or an average of £1,097 each. There were 1,333 hotels closed in country districts, and compensation amounting to £725,679 was paid, or an average of £544 each. The total sum paid in compensation in all districts of the State was £1,307,341, or an average of £702 for each hotel.

**Improvement
and Extension
of Licensed
accommoda-
tion.**

A section of the Board's work which has grown rapidly in extent and importance since 1922 is the consideration given to enforcing improvement in the type of structure and in the class of accommodation of licensed houses.

Since 1922 plans have been passed by the Board for new and improved licensed premises, the estimated cost thereof being £6,430,430 exclusive of the cost of sewerage and new equipment. National Security Regulations and the Victorian Building Operations and Building Materials Control Acts have restricted since 1940 all building operations in regard to hotels. During the twelve months ended 31st December, 1950, plans to the value of £133,708 were approved subject to permits being obtained from the Building Directorate.

**Licensing
Fund.**

The revenue for the year ended 30th June, 1950, amounted to £701,930. The amounts received from the various sources were:—Licences, certificates, and permits, £680,233; interest on investments, £10,982; fees and fines, £10,436; and miscellaneous, £279. The expenditure, which totalled £701,930 consisted of the following items:—Annual payments to municipalities, £58,964; compensation, £5,000; transferred to Police Superannuation Fund under section 311 of Act No. 3717, £23,000; transferred to revenue under section 312 of Act No. 3717, as amended by Act No. 5089, £580,993; and salaries, expenses, &c., £33,973. The amount at credit of the fund at 30th June, 1950, was £410,976, of which £341,000 was invested.

**Number of
Hotels.**

The following return shows the number of hotels, including roadside licences, in Victoria in 1885, 1906, and certain subsequent years, and the average number of persons to each hotel in those years. The years 1885 and 1906 have been selected because in those years important alterations were made in the liquor licensing laws.

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF HOTELS, 1885 TO 1950.

Year.	Number of Hotels.*	Average Number of Persons to Each Hotel.	Year.	Number of Hotels.*	Average Number of Persons to Each Hotel.
1885.. ..	4,339	223	1944.. ..	1,666	1,199
1906.. ..	3,520	347	1945.. ..	1,665	1,210
1930.. ..	1,803	994	1946.. ..	1,665	1,225
1935.. ..	1,744	1,056	1947.. ..	1,666	1,237
1940.. ..	1,691	1,132	1948.. ..	1,666	1,264
1941.. ..	1,683	1,157	1949.. ..	1,666	1,299
1942.. ..	1,671	1,174	1950.. ..	1,666	1,333
1943.. ..	1,670	1,187			

* Including Roadside Licences.

In addition to hotels, liquor licences under the following headings were held during the five years 1946 to 1950 :—

	Year Ended 31st December—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
Australian Wine Licences ..	129	127	126	124	122
Registered Clubs	122	121	122	122	122
Railway Refreshment Rooms ..	26	26	26	26	26
Grocers' licences	249	250	251	252	253

During the period 1885 to 31st December, 1950, 227 hotels were closed as the result of local option polls, 1,861 were deprived of or surrendered their licences, and 60 hotel licences lapsed. During the period 1907 to 31st December, 1950, 82 new licences were granted.

The trading hours of hotels in Victoria are from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., but trading is not permitted on Sundays, Anzac Day (25th April), and Good Friday. The various legislative enactments, which from time to time have curtailed such trading hours, are given in the *Year-Book* for 1935-36, page 110.

Hours for Sale of Intoxicants. During the year ended 31st December, 1950, 1,111 permits authorizing the sale, disposal or supply of liquor with bona-fide meals between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. were renewed or granted by the Licensing Court in licensed premises which include—Hotels, Australian Wine Licences, and Registered Clubs.

**Hotels closed
by Local
Option.**

During the period 1885 to 1938, compensation paid to the 227 hotels closed as the result of local option polls amounted to £224,870, or an average of £990 for each hotel. This sum was provided out of the Licensing Fund, and, when this was insufficient for the purpose, out of Consolidated Revenue.

**Licensing
Polls.**

On the 29th March, 1930, a Referendum, called a Licensing Poll, was conducted under Part XIV. of the *Licensing Act* 1928 (as amended) to determine whether or not licences should be abolished throughout Victoria. The Act provided that the resolution should be carried if three-fifths at least in number of the votes given were in favour of the resolution. The poll was State-wide, and was the first of the octennial polls provided for by the Licensing Act of 1922 (now incorporated in the *Licensing Act* 1928). A similar poll was held on the 8th October, 1938. Particulars relating to the number of votes recorded at each of these polls appears in the *Year-Book* for 1939-40, page 71. Licensing polls were abolished by Section 3 of the *Licensing Act* 1946 (No. 5197).

**Consumption
of beer.**

The estimated quantity of beer consumed in Victoria in each of the five years 1946 to 1950 was as follows:—

CONSUMPTION OF BEER IN VICTORIA, 1946 TO 1950.

Year Ended 30th June.					Estimated Quantity of Beer Consumed.	Per Head of Population.
					Gallons.	Gallons.
1946	..	..	..	..	26,921,500	13·32
1947	..	..	..	..	31,506,800	15·45
1948	..	..	..	..	34,086,600	16·47
1949	..	..	..	..	39,467,800	18·68
1950	..	..	..	..	44,846,900	20·66

GAOLS AND PRISONERS.

**Gaols and
prisoners.**

In Victoria there are 5 gaols, 4 reformatory prisons, and a training centre as set out hereafter. The following statement contains information (other than for police gaols) for the year ended 31st December, 1950, in regard to the accommodation for prisoners, the daily average number in confinement, the number received during the year, and the number in confinement at the end of the year.

VICTORIA—GAOL ACCOMMODATION AND PRISONERS, 1950.

Name of Institution.	Number of Prisoners.							
	For Whom there is Accommodation.		Daily Average.		Total Received (Including Transfers).		In Confinement at End of Year. *	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
Pentridge ..	928	89	741	50	6,111	748	705	54
Pentridge Reformatory Prison ..	64	3	51	1	139	2	49	1
Ballarat Gaol ..	66	18	34	..	263	..	26	..
Beechworth Reformatory Prison ..	78	..	30	..	36	..	28	..
Castlemaine Reformatory Prison (closed 13.2.51) ..	80	..	31	..	43	..	13	..
Coorlemungie Prison Camp ..	32	..	28	..	51	..	26	..
Geelong ..	172	..	101	..	438	..	101	..
McLeod Settlement Reformatory Prison ..	41	..	19	..	8	..	14	..
Sale Gaol ..	26	9	11	..	222	..	7	..
Langi Kal Kal Training Centre ..	24	..	15	..	24	..	17	..
Total ..	1,511	119	1,061	51	7,335	750	986	55

* Including 58 males and 2 females awaiting trial.

Prisoners received and discharged. The number of prisoners received at and discharged from the gaols and reformatory prisons (excluding police gaols) in Victoria is given in the following table for the year 1950 :—

VICTORIA—PRISONERS RECEIVED AT AND DISCHARGED FROM GAOLS AND REFORMATORY PRISONS, 1950.

(Exclusive of Police Gaols.)

Classification.	1950.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Number in confinement at beginning of year—			
Convicted ..	954	39	993
Awaiting trial ..	67	6	73
Total ..	1,021	45	1,066
Received during year—			
Convicted of—			
Felony ..	939	47	986
Misdemeanour ..	3,655	561	4,216
Other offences ..	524	4	528
Transfers from—			
Other Gaols and Reformatory Prisons ..	535	1	536
Hospitals, Asylums, Reformatory Schools, &c... ..	38	5	43
For Trial, not subsequently convicted ..	1,644	132	1,776
Total ..	7,335	750	8,085

VICTORIA—PRISONERS RECEIVED AT AND DISCHARGED FROM GAOLS
AND REFORMATORY PRISONS, 1950—*continued.*

(*Exclusive of Police Gaols.*)

Classification.	1950.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Discharged during year—			
By remission of sentence	529	21	550
On expiration of sentence and payment of fines	4,330	570	4,900
Bailed to appeal	75	2	77
On bond from Court, Judges' Order, Attorney-General's Order, &c.	203	17	220
By special authority	12	2	14
On parole	120	..	120
Died	2	..	2
Executed .. .. .	..	..	..
Deported	75	..	75
Absconded	12	..	12
Transfers to—			
Other Gaols and Reformatory Prisons	542	1	543
Hospitals, Asylums, Reformatory Schools, &c... .. .	48	6	54
Unconvicted	1,424	121	1,545
Total	7,372	740	8,112
Number in confinement at 31st December—			
Convicted	928	53	981
Awaiting trial.. .. .	58	2	60
Total	986	55	1,041

Prisoners
under
sentence.

The following table shows the number of prisoners under sentence at the end of each of the ten years 1941 to 1950.

VICTORIA—PRISONERS UNDER SENTENCE, 1941 TO 1950.

At 31st December.				Males.	Females.	Total.	Number per 10,000 of Population.
1941	..	..	..	904	35	939	4·82
1942	..	..	..	1,066	43	1,109	5·64
1943	..	..	..	1,024	65	1,089	5·48
1944	..	..	..	1,055	46	1,101	5·50
1945	..	..	..	932	34	966	4·78
1946	..	..	..	927	25	952	4·65
1947	..	..	..	876	39	915	4·45
1948	..	..	..	863	49	912	4·36
1949	..	..	..	1,021	45	1,066	4·98
1950	..	..	..	986	55	1,041	4·72

Daily average number of prisoners in confinement. A statement is given below of the daily average number of prisoners in detention in the gaols of the State in the last year of each of the decennial periods 1871 to 1941 inclusive, and in each of the five years 1946 to 1950.

VICTORIA—DAILY AVERAGE NUMBER OF PRISONERS IN CONFINEMENT, 1871 TO 1950.

Year Ended 31st December.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners in Confinement.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
1871	1,345	274	1,619
1881	1,294	304	1,598
1891	1,550	350	1,900
1901	951	200	1,151
1911	713	100	813
1921	741	54	795
1931	1,391	50	1,441
1941	1,023	50	1,073
1946	1,013	41	1,054
1947	982	40	1,022
1948	872	40	912
1949	980	44	1,024
1950	1,061	51	1,112

Indeterminate sentences. The *Indeterminate Sentences Act* 1908 came into force on 1st July of that year. It is now incorporated in the *Crimes Act* 1928. The principal provisions are—

- (1) The adoption of the indeterminate sentence for (a) habitual criminals, and (b) certain classes of other offenders.
- (2) The appointment of an Indeterminate Sentences Board.
- (3) The establishment of reformatory prisons.
- (4) A system of probation applicable to adults as well as to minors.

The Board was appointed on 18th August, 1908. A statement of its chief functions appears in the *Year-Book* for 1929-30, pages 106 to 108.

The number of prisoners under indeterminate detention on 30th June in each of the five years 1947 to 1951 was as follows:—

**VICTORIA—PRISONERS UNDER INDETERMINATE
DETENTION, 1947 TO 1951.**

Name of Reformatory Prison.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.	1951.
Pentridge Reformatory Prison ..	22	27	33	78	44
Beechworth Reformatory Prison ..	42	46	50	12	19
Castlemaine Reformatory Prison ..	49	57	72	41	..
McLeod Settlement, French Island ..	29	26	23	13	17
Langi Kal Kal Training Centre ..	..	..	..	..	27
Total	142	156	178	144	107

Probation officers to supervise first offenders released by the courts on recognizance under the provisions of the *Crimes Act* 1928 are appointed by the Governor in Council on the recommendation of the Board. A number of persons connected with religious and philanthropic organizations has been appointed to the office, which is honorary.

From 1st July, 1908, to 30th June, 1951, admissions to the several reformatories totalled 6,051 (5,994 males and 57 females) as follows:—

Heading.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Admitted to 30th June, 1951 (including 276 recaptured)	5,994	57	6,051
Discharged—			
By parole	5,243	57	5,300
„ effluxion of time	99	..	99
„ transfer to hospitals and asylums	41	..	41
„ special authority	43	..	43
„ deportation	23	..	23
„ escape	304	..	304
„ transfer to serve additional sentences	105	..	105
„ death	29	..	29
Total Discharged to 30th June, 1951	5,887	57	5,944
In reformatories on 30th June, 1951	107	..	107
Total to 30th June, 1951	5,994	57	6,051

POLICE PROTECTION.

**Numerical
strength of
Police Force
in Victoria.**

The numbers and classification of the various ranks of the police force in Victoria on 31st December, 1950, are shown in the following table :—

**VICTORIA—POLICE FORCE, CLASSIFICATION AND
NUMERICAL STRENGTH AT 31st DECEMBER, 1950.**

Designation.	At 31st December, 1950.		
	Metropolitan.	Country.	Total.
	No.	No.	No.
<i>Foot.</i>			
Chief Commissioner	1	..	1
Inspecting Superintendent	1	..	1
Superintendents	5	11	16
Chief Inspector	1	..	1
Inspectors	31	21	52
Inspector (brevet rank)	1	..	1
Sergeants	108	41	149
Senior Constables	259	151	410
Senior Constables (brevet rank)	1	..	1
First Constables	450	347	797
Constables	779	213	992
Recruits	45	..	45
Total	1,682	784	2,466
<i>Detectives.</i>			
Superintendent	1	..	1
Inspectors	9	..	9
Sergeants	24	..	24
Senior Constables	43	7	50
First Constables	30	11	41
Constables	81	4	85
Total	188	22	210
<i>Mounted.</i>			
Senior Constables	2	..	2
First Constables	9	38	47
Constables	20	6	26
Total	31	44	75
Grand Total	1,901	850	2,751

* The above particulars include 21 police-women but exclude 47 members of the Victoria Police-women's Auxiliary and 1 black tracker.

The following statement gives the numerical strength of the police force in Victoria and the number of inhabitants to each police officer at the end of each of the ten years 1941 to 1950 :—

VICTORIA—POLICE FORCE, NUMERICAL STRENGTH, 1941 TO 1950.

Year Ended 31st December.	Total Strength Including Police-women.*	Number of Inhabitants to Each Police-officer.	Year Ended 31st December.	Total Strength Including Police-women.*	Number of Inhabitants to Each Police-officer.
1941 ..	2,327	838	1946 ..	2,198	931
1942 ..	2,318	855	1947 ..	2,272	904
1943 ..	2,263	882	1948 ..	2,386	876
1944 ..	2,209	908	1949 ..	2,597	824
1945 ..	2,131	948	1950 ..	2,751	801

* Including members with Defence Forces.

**Expenditure
on police,
gaols, &c.**

The next table shows the total amount and the amount per head of population expended from Consolidated Revenue in connexion with the police, and with the Penal establishments and gaols of Victoria, in each of the five years 1946 to 1950.

VICTORIA—EXPENDITURE FROM CONSOLIDATED REVENUE ON POLICE AND GAOLS, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

Year Ended 30th June.	Amount Expended (exclusive of Pensions) on—					Amount per Head of Population.
	Salaries, &c.		Buildings and Rents.		Total.	
	Police.	Gaols and Penal Establish- ments.	Police.	Gaols and Penal Establish- ments.		
	£	£	£	£		
1946 ..	1,083,145	161,447	38,900	9,023	1,292,515	£ s. d. 12 9
1947 ..	1,249,601	166,232	37,253	7,142	1,460,228	14 4
1948 ..	1,415,303	185,424	39,236	9,198	1,649,161	15 11
1949 ..	1,609,177	209,203	42,819	10,971	1,872,170	17 8
1950 ..	2,070,697	258,715	51,927	11,761	2,393,100	1 2 1

Executions.

During the 46 years ended with 1950 there were only fourteen executions in Victoria, one of which took place in 1908, one in 1912, two in 1916, two in 1918, one in 1922, one in 1924, one in 1932, two in 1936, two in 1939, and one in 1941. Since the first settlement of Port-Phillip in 1835, 182 persons (178 males and 4 females) have been executed within the State on account of the following offences:—Murder, 142; attempted murder, 17; robbery with violence, 9; burglary and wounding, 1; sexual offences, 12; and arson, 1.

PART VI.

FINANCE.

**State
Finance.**

Under the Constitution Act the revenues of the State are payable into Consolidated Revenue, but certain of these revenues have been hypothecated by various Acts of Parliament for specified purposes, and are payable into special accounts or funds kept at the State Treasury. Apart from these special funds, the financial transactions are concerned with (a) Consolidated Revenue Fund, (b) Trust Funds, and (c) Loan Funds. In the succeeding tables, the revenue and expenditure relating to the Consolidated Revenue Fund and the public revenue of certain special funds or accounts, which appear in the Treasurer's Finance Statement, are included. Payments from Consolidated Revenue are made either under the authority of an Annual Appropriation Act passed by the Legislature, or by a permanent appropriation under a Special Act. Permanent appropriations are made in respect of services such as Interest on the Funded Debt, Exchange on Overseas Interest, contributions to the National Debt Sinking Fund, the salaries of the Governor, the Judges and certain other officials, expenditure on State pensions, payments to the Unemployment Relief Fund, payment of interest, &c., under the Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement, contributions to the Hospital and Charities Fund (Totalizator Revenue) and the Railway Renewals and Replacement Fund.

A concise statement of the chief special funds kept at the Treasury is shown in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, pages 76 to 80. Amongst the funds since established are the Unemployment Relief Fund, the Milk Board Fund, the Federal Aid Roads and Works Accounts 1937, the Railways Repayment Account, the Railway Renewals and Replacement Fund, the Public Trustee Fund, the Decentralization Fund, the Transport Regulation Fund, the Rural Rehabilitation Fund (to take the place of the Farmers' Debts Adjustment Fund), the Municipalities Assistance Fund, the Hospitals and Charities Fund, and the Hospital Benefits Fund.

Under Act No. 4597 of 1938 the Closer Settlement, the Discharged Soldiers Settlement and the Discharged Soldiers Concession Funds were abolished. From 28th February, 1939, the finances of these Funds were brought into the Consolidated Revenue system.

The original Financial Agreement between the Commonwealth and the States was made on 12th December, 1927. It was subsequently affected by the Debt Conversion Agreement of 21st July, 1931, the Debt Conversion

**Commonwealth
and State
Financial
Relations.**

Agreement (No. 2) of 22nd October, 1931, and the Agreement relating to Soldier Settlement Loans of 3rd July, 1934. A brief outline of the principal provisions of the original agreement is given in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 75.

A summary of the transactions for the year ended 30th June, 1950, in the Consolidated Revenue Fund and in certain special funds gives the following result:—

	£
Public Revenue	58,287,237
Public Expenditure	58,546,047
Deficit	258,810

The differences between the amounts of revenue and expenditure shown above and those given in the Treasurer's Finance Statement arise from the use, for statistical purposes, of a different method of classification. The Public Revenue of certain special funds is added to the Consolidated Revenue—an equivalent amount being entered as expenditure. The particulars for 1949-50 are as follows:—

Items.	Public Revenue.	Public Expenditure.
	£	£
Total—Treasurer's Finance Statement	57,244,538	57,503,348
Add Public Revenue of the following funds—		
Country Roads Board Fund*	2,300,136	2,300,136
Licensing Fund†	120,936	120,936
Police Superannuation Fund	29,075	29,075
Assurance Fund	3,985	3,985
Cattle Compensation Fund	78,989	78,989
Swine Compensation Fund	27,436	27,436
Metropolitan Roads Fund	50,200	50,200
Mallee Land Account	52,071	52,071
Transport Regulation Fund	113,621	113,621
Other Funds	8,363	8,363
	60,029,350	60,288,160
Deduct—		
Recoups by Treasury to Railways Department for loss of revenue on account of—		
(a) Reduction in certain outer suburban periodical fares	12,000	12,000
(b) Concessions in certain country freight charges	42,285	42,285
Subsidy to Railways Department to reduce amount chargeable in respect of interest, &c., charges ..	1,687,828	1,687,828
	1,742,113	1,742,113
Total	58,287,237	58,546,047

* Excluding £618,492 recouped to Revenue under Acts Nos. 3944 and 4140.

† In addition to this amount £580,994 was transferred to Revenue under Section 312 of Act No. 3717 as amended by Act No. 5089.

The revenue and expenditure of the State for each of the years 1945-46 to 1949-50, after taking into account the circumstances mentioned on the preceding page, are shown in the next statement.

VICTORIA—STATE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1946 TO 1950.

Year ended 30th June—	Public Revenue.	Public Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (—)	Accumulated Deficiency to end of each Year (i.e., 30th June).
	£	£	£	£
1946	36,415,207	36,409,473	(+) 5,734	7,945,803
1947	38,912,209	38,907,176	(+) 5,033	7,940,069
1948	43,611,349	44,165,053	(—) 553,704	8,488,740
1949	48,968,397	50,351,178	(—) 1,382,781	9,871,521
1950	58,287,237	58,546,047	(—) 258,810	10,130,331*

* Of this amount, £7,179,485 was provided from the proceeds of Treasury Bonds and £2,950,846 from the Public Account.

For many years prior to 1947-48 Public Revenue exceeded Public Expenditure but from that year deficits have been recorded as shown above. Previous issues of the *Year-Book* show the purposes to which Surplus Revenue was applied and page 266 gives details of the amount expended from Surplus Revenue on the various Public Works during each of the years 1947-48 to 1949-50 and total to 30th June, 1950.

Details of the sources of revenue for each of the financial years 1945-46 to 1949-50 are given in the following statement:—

VICTORIA—SUMMARY OF STATE REVENUE, 1946 TO 1950.

Heads of Revenue.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	£	£	£	£	£
Taxation—					
Income Tax	64,444	69,744	66,740	51,072	51,463
Income and Entertainments Tax—Commonwealth					
Reimbursement	6,803,905	8,770,774	9,881,621	12,027,220	14,237,002
Land Tax	321,299	382,599	373,766	370,547	292,580

VICTORIA—SUMMARY OF STATE REVENUE, 1946 TO 1950—
continued.

Heads of Revenue.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	£	£	£	£	£
Taxation—continued—					
Probate Duty ..	1,825,180	2,460,655	2,095,866	2,573,166	2,611,019
Unemployment Relief ..	21,909	19,482	19,138	20,187	15,019
Entertainments Tax* ..	877,770	969,401	1,251,897	1,402,394	1,482,111
Other Stamp Duties ..	1,070,841	1,335,406	1,482,628	1,655,893	2,376,726
Motor Taxation ..	1,846,937	2,093,747	2,388,718	2,647,318	3,178,859
Licences—					
Liquor ..	388,607	483,968	550,889	606,711	680,233
Other ..	90,360	104,565	112,629	114,060	121,810
Other Taxation ..	19,790	22,796	22,461	21,848	4,447
Total Taxation ..	13,331,042	16,713,137	18,246,353	21,490,416	25,051,269
Commonwealth Payment to State—Act No. 3554—					
Financial Agreement ..	2,127,159	2,127,159	2,127,159	2,127,159	2,127,159
Public Works and Services—					
Railways ..	14,725,689	13,747,827	16,290,532	17,268,058	20,195,657
Water Supply ..	809,791	1,021,919	1,056,006	1,311,014	1,575,346
State Coal Mine ..	344,979	283,333	300,322	350,136	366,073
State Electricity Commission					
Interest, &c. ..	847,712	815,552	817,828	815,096	811,689
Country Roads Board† ..	Dr. 143,668	Dr. 143,333	Dr. 143,310	Dr. 133,207	Dr. 123,955
Maffra Beet Sugar Factory ..	6,448	18,632	38,913	6,102	2,936
Victoria Dock Cool Stores ..	77,066	88,001	87,691	101,457	128,051
Wharfage Rates, &c. ..	45,587	65,679	75,331	90,406	108,135
Other ..	159,623	132,405	133,533	151,487	141,402
Land—					
Land Sales, Rents, Penalties, &c. ..	611,557	650,482	736,788	803,039	857,233
Interest on Loans—					
Land Settlement ..	416,736	417,147	395,434	340,432	276,648
Soldier Settlement ..	..	11,314	58,103	182,339	164,423
Fees, Fines, &c. ..	360,849	436,491	479,906	507,648	608,466
Tramways Act No. 3732 (Sec. 77) ..	126,728	120,641	137,424	150,270	200,781
Government Printer ..	227,358	234,124	310,760	361,040	385,731
Harbor Trust Contributions ..	142,916	149,675	182,532	205,032	246,814
Royal Mint ..	95,058	218,473	127,558	145,156	151,375
Interest and Recoups, N.E.I. Department of Agriculture‡ ..	1,076,588	780,041	913,426	1,057,760	1,018,396
Miscellaneous ..	82,837	86,827	108,941	120,364	131,451
	943,152	936,683	1,130,119	1,517,193	3,862,157
Total Revenue ..	36,415,207	38,912,209	43,611,349	48,968,397	55,287,237
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Per Head of Population ..	18 1 4	19 1 6	21 1 6	23 3 5	26 17 2

* Mainly Horse-Racing.

† Represents the difference between the interest received by Consolidated Revenue on account of Country Roads and the recoups to Consolidated Revenue as shown in the Country Roads Board Fund. See remarks in page 260 with reference to the statistical method of arriving at total public revenue.

‡ Excluding "Maffra Beet Sugar Factory" and "Victoria Dock Cool Stores".

**Heads of
State
Expenditure.**

A summary of expenditure from State Revenue classified according to functions for each of the years 1945-46 to 1949-50 is shown in the following table.

Interest on the public debt, pensions and gratuities, and the contribution to the National Debt Sinking Fund have not been allotted to the respective heads of expenditure. They are shown separately under the sub-heading "Financial Administration".

VICTORIA—SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE FROM STATE REVENUE, 1946 TO 1950.

Heads of Expenditure.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Legislature and General Administration.</i>					
Legislature—					
Governor	14,412	14,808	16,364	36,631	72,495
Parliament	121,825	124,776	142,799	240,165	229,534
Electoral	52,854	15,713	44,151	25,938	61,713
Financial Administration—					
Public Debt Charges—					
Interest—					
Funded Debt	6,214,200	6,054,532	6,165,743	6,324,875	6,792,293
Temporary Loan	80,307	74,407	60,500	48,899	31,443
Exchange on Interest	644,789	585,301	587,549	541,766	567,181
Expenses of Paying Interest, Redemptions, Conversions, &c.	56,327	27,246	23,674	65,021	49,968
National Debt Sinking Fund	1,406,924	1,474,089	1,554,945	1,715,318	1,854,162
Pensions and Superannuation Contributions*	996,826	1,021,060	1,165,412	1,332,431	1,464,855
Departmental—					
Treasury (including Taxation, Stamps, &c.)	117,962	135,525	152,845	193,671	196,074
Pay-roll Tax	384,477	427,365	505,609	580,632	668,023
Superannuation Board and Pensions Office—Administration	8,587	9,049	12,718	11,436	13,236
Auditor-General	33,291	37,091	39,907	46,465	50,902
Royal Commissions, Boards of Inquiry, &c.	412	1,431	3,175	217	26,681
Administration, N.E.I.—					
Government Printer	202,014	235,739	316,720	379,721	412,885
Mint Subsidy	52,000	102,000	84,000	100,000	112,000
Other	437,131	579,093	651,253	796,065	1,064,125
	10,824,338	10,919,225	11,527,364	12,439,251	13,668,470
<i>Law, Order, and Public Safety.</i>					
Salaries of Judiciary	17,738	19,042	24,694	29,875	31,700
Attorney-General, Solicitor-General, &c.	330,200	394,350	467,335	527,145	604,534
Police	1,122,045	1,286,854	1,454,539	1,651,996	2,122,624
Prisons	170,470	173,374	194,622	220,174	270,476
Prevention of Fire and Flood	112,324	152,118	132,708	143,828	216,317
National Security Act (Public Safety)	13,843				
Other †	4,749	5,511	6,248	153,253	168,812
	1,771,369	2,031,249	2,280,146	2,726,271	3,414,463

* For details, see page 276.

† Including control of Prices, Rent, and Land Sales, £146,161 in 1948–49 and £160,708 in 1949–50.

VICTORIA—SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE FROM STATE REVENUE,
1946 TO 1950—*continued.*

Heads of Expenditure.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Regulation of Trade and Industry.</i>					
Factories and Shops Legislation } Labour Legislation	46,604	57,638	76,070	88,336	96,886
Transport Regulation Board	28,888	41,981	63,445	78,249	113,621
Liquor Licence Control (Administration, including Compensation)	21,568	23,393	25,213	29,235	38,972
Decentralization Fund and concession for establishment of industries in country		50,000	50,000	100,000	
Other	43,543	24,885	38,774	33,978	28,001
	140,603	197,897	253,502	329,798	277,480
<i>Education.*</i>					
Primary, Intermediate, Secondary, Technical — Administration, Salaries of Teaching Staffs, &c.	3,777,793	4,505,460	5,353,526	6,124,127	7,220,317
Technical N.E.I., including Maintenance Grant	276,788	350,241	388,783	465,462	570,495
University†	116,240	132,740	216,840	276,640	411,140
Adult Education Grant			25,000	25,000	25,000
Agricultural Education—Colleges, Experimental Farms, University Grants, &c.	106,670	125,337	137,762	178,891	202,248
Other	8,941	13,196	12,898	15,771	18,028
	4,286,432	5,126,974	6,134,809	7,085,891	8,447,228
<i>Encouragement of Science, Art, and Research.</i>					
Public Libraries, Museums, and Art Galleries	75,571	88,612	108,594	146,190	178,839
Cultural Development (including Symphony Orchestra)					44,054
Other	175	175	175	175	400
	75,746	88,787	108,769	146,365	223,293
<i>Promotion of Public Health and Recreation.</i>					
Care of Sick and Mentally Afflicted—Hospital and Charities Fund (including Totalizator Contribution)	1,092,444	1,503,730	1,626,856	1,617,521	2,391,176
Various Hospitals, &c.	220,695	246,614	276,706	330,090	366,789
Mental Hospitals	711,951	782,328	893,761	1,077,014	1,291,435
Mental Defectives	39,631	46,377	58,258	65,426	79,507
Health of Mothers and Children—Infant Welfare and Clinics	97,834	122,056	141,103	170,076	248,662
Medical and Dental Examination of School Children	4,453	4,601	4,156	4,353	5,938
Preservation of Public Health—Health Department—Administration	63,776	77,368	109,018	134,937	115,434
Other	127,506	166,508	222,992	307,224	520,723
Parks, Gardens, and Recreation Reserves	24,972	29,878	35,257	51,570	56,032
	2,383,262	2,979,460	3,368,107	3,758,211	5,075,786

* Detailed information regarding expenditure on education will be found in Part "Social Condition" of this Year-Book.

† Additional items of expenditure on University are included under functions to which they relate.

VICTORIA—SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE FROM STATE REVENUE,
1946 TO 1950—continued.

Heads of Expenditure.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
<i>Social Amelioration.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Relief of Destitute, Aged, &c. ..	15,600	6,966	7,336	7,536	8,810
Children's Welfare Department ..	204,833	220,965	226,005	234,224	235,533
Miners' Phthisis Allowances ..	18,232	18,732	18,241	26,500	31,980
Care of Aborigines ..	7,555	6,393	7,340	8,024	10,814
Unemployment Relief Fund ..	271,909	19,482	19,838	20,187	15,019
Bush Fire Relief ..	26	..	..	..	..
Housing Commission—Advance ..	14,000	..	..	..	..
Commonwealth—State Housing	..	..	..	..	..
Agreement—Interest ..	..	165,714	336,666	524,604	736,089
State Relief Committee ..	6,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,500
Other ..	6,675	45,376	40,675	37,581	14,206
	544,830	490,628	663,101	865,656	1,059,951
<i>War Obligations.</i>					
Passes to Soldiers, Superannuation, &c. ..	41,262	19,652	20,663	20,099	34,680
<i>Local Government.</i>					
Licensing Fund Payment to Municipalities ..	58,984	58,984	58,984	58,984	58,964
Other ..	60,102	56,943	132,427	128,555	136,944
	119,086	115,927	191,411	187,539	195,908
<i>Development and Maintenance of State Resources other than Business Undertakings—</i>					
Land Settlement and Survey ..	291,594	397,652	457,408	464,148	551,111
Immigration ..	..	..	5,485	13,789	28,186
Mining (excluding State Coal Mine)	50,563	56,815	63,354	109,583	109,654
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying*	416,054	486,087	544,524	668,133	805,903
Forestry† ..	602,097	610,530	538,616	683,771	914,008
Fisheries and Game ..	13,508	24,484	31,434	36,291	46,306
Roads and Bridges—					
Country Roads Board‡	1,032,540	1,277,726	1,500,613	1,699,567	2,300,136
Metropolitan Roads Fund ..	38,627	38,759	43,235	50,174	50,200
Other ..	280	1,753	..	..	..
Tourist Activities ..	322	733	669	3,020	1,992
	2,445,585	2,894,539	3,185,338	3,728,476	4,807,496
<i>Business Undertakings.</i>					
Railways ..	11,977,076	12,335,835	14,541,706	17,009,103	19,143,507
Harbours, Rivers, and Lights ..	116,886	127,805	115,654	142,908	142,371
Water Supply, Irrigation, &c. ..	1,069,645	1,027,686	1,160,754	1,272,156	1,454,992
State Coal Mine ..	397,530	366,398	407,740	441,092	416,448
Maffra Beet Sugar Factory ..	8,684	38,648	45,640	22,157	1,291
Victoria Dock Cool Stores ..	47,842	52,041	56,287	67,907	82,518
Seasoning Works (Newport) ..	43,693	53,201	57,603	60,675	56,859
Forest Tramway ..	9,977	9,327	10,962	10,168	3,150
Distillation of Eucalyptus Oil ..	35	1,073	29	..	5
Wire Netting Manufacture ..	3,374	2,991	20,199	21,945	20,190
State Saw Mill ..	20,666	19,073	15,243	15,510	19,961
Maffra Dehydration Plant ..	79,802	8,729	26	..	..

* Excluding Maffra Beet Sugar Factory, Victoria Dock Cool Stores, and Maffra Dehydration Plant (see Business Undertakings).

† Excluding Newport Seasoning Works, Forest Tramway, Eucalyptus Distillation, State Saw Mill, and Charcoal Production (see Business Undertakings).

‡ Represents difference between Public Revenue of Country Roads Board and recoups to revenue made by the Board. Details of Country Roads Board Fund expenditure are shown in part "Local Government" of this Year-Book.

VICTORIA—SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE FROM STATE REVENUE,
1946 TO 1950—*continued.*

Heads of Expenditure.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
<i>Business Undertakings—continued—</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Charcoal Production	1,750	26	..	..	..
	13,776,960	14,042,838	16,431,843	19,063,621	21,341,292
Total Expenditure ..	36,409,473	38,907,176	44,165,053	50,351,178	58,546,047
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Per Head of Population ..	18 1 3	19 1 6	21 6 11	23 16 6	26 19 6

The following table shows the Government expenditure from Surplus Revenue during each of the years 1948 to 1950 and total to 30th June, 1950, exclusive of the amounts applied towards the reduction of the Consolidated Revenue deficit.

VICTORIA—SURPLUS REVENUE EXPENDITURE, 1948 TO 1950, AND TOTAL TO 30TH JUNE, 1950.

Service.	Year ended 30th June—			Total to 30th June, 1950.
	1948.	1949.	1950.	
Capital Services—	£	£	£	£
Railways .. ..	..	..	..	250,696
Other .. ..	..	..	..	64,170
Revenue Services—				
Social Services—				
Education—				
State Schools and Technical Schools ..	Cr. 48	..	3,225	720,218
University .. ..	..	..	..	27,066
Other .. ..	..	233	557	24,455
Health—				
Hospitals—				
Mental Hygiene	41,640	55,733	49,489	295,631
Other (including Sanatoria)	45,998	35,266	8,474	1,434,937
Other Health	1,763	417	1,462	56,428
Law, Order, and Public Safety—				
Penal Establishments and Gaols	190	432	1,323	39,818
Other	621	..	..	44,446
Public Works—				
Crown Lands (including reclamation, drainage, &c.) .. ..	..	..	..	149,480
Harbours, Rivers, and Lights .. ..	..	..	..	117,293
Mining Development .. ..	..	..	..	85,000
Railways .. ..	..	..	..	631,740
Roads and Bridges .. ..	..	..	..	114,812
Water Supply, &c.	Cr. 3,216	726	2,471	112,447
Other .. ..	..	..	..	62,826
Other Purposes—				
Developmental Railways Account .. ..	..	..	..	129,148
Drought Relief Fund .. ..	..	..	..	123,803
Redemption of Treasury Bonds and Unfunded Debt .. ..	..	..	..	503,802
Victorian Inland Meat Authority .. ..	..	..	..	100,000
Other .. ..	..	..	..	82,731
Total	86,948	92,807	67,001	5,161,947

To 30th June, 1950, the total amount authorized for expenditure on public works was £5,593,307, of which £431,360 was unexpended at that date.

TAXATION.

A brief summary of the history of income tax in Victoria was published in the 1941-42 *Year-Book*, page 292. Details of the rates of tax, assessments, &c., on income earned during 1940-41 (the last year in which the State imposed income tax) are also shown.

Commonwealth Income Tax and Social Services Contributions. Uniformity in the taxation of incomes and entertainments throughout Australia was adopted in 1942, and the Commonwealth became the sole authority levying these taxes. Formerly the Commonwealth and each of the States levied separate taxes on incomes, and each of the States (except Queensland) taxed entertainments. Initially, the plans were devised as temporary war-time measures, but, in 1946, the Commonwealth Government passed legislation continuing the uniform income tax indefinitely, and the uniform entertainments tax has been continued in practice. The Social Services Contribution was introduced as from 1st January, 1946.

The States are reimbursed for vacating these fields of taxation by annual grants from the Commonwealth. Payment of these grants is conditional upon a State refraining from levying tax on incomes. A similar restraint upon State taxation of entertainments was suspended as from 1st July, 1946. Reimbursements to the States under this agreement for the year 1949-50 totalled £62,270,719 made up as follows:—New South Wales £25,331,151, Victoria £14,237,002, Queensland £10,215,032, South Australia £5,367,382, Western Australia £5,150,535, and Tasmania £1,969,617.

With the introduction of Social Services Contribution, the levy of taxation on the incomes of individuals was divided into two separate taxes—Income Tax and Social Services Contribution. Both taxes were based upon the same definitions of assessable income and both were assessed and collected concurrently. Company income was not subject to Social Services Contribution except with regard to the undistributed income of private companies. Respecting individuals the two separate levies of tax and contribution still apply to income derived during the year ended 30th June, 1950, but not thereafter. The two taxes have since been merged into a single levy known as "Income Tax and Social Services Contribution" which title now relates to the tax imposed on the incomes of both individuals and companies. It first applies to the tax imposed on incomes derived by individuals during the year ended 30th June, 1951, and by companies during the year ended 30th June, 1950.

Certain types of income are exempt from tax in Australia. These include income from gold-mining, war, invalid, old-age, and widows' pensions, child endowment, and unemployment and sickness benefits. The service pay of members of the Defence Forces engaged in war service in Korea and Malaya is also exempt.

Expenses incurred in earning income and losses incurred in previous years are allowable deductions.

For the income year 1949-50, Social Services Contribution is payable in the incomes of individuals commencing at an income of £105 in the case of a person without dependants. Income tax as such does not become payable until an income from personal exertion exceeds £500 or from property £350. Rebates of tax are allowed to taxpayers on account of dependants, certain medical and dental expenses, life insurance premiums, superannuation, Friendly Society payments, &c.

No actual deductions from taxable income are made for dependants but rebates of tax are allowed against income tax assessed. Dependants include spouse, parent, children under sixteen years of age, student child under nineteen years of age, invalid child, brother, or sister over sixteen years of age, housekeeper or daughter-housekeeper for widow or widower having care of taxpayer's children under sixteen years of age.

The effect of these rebates for dependants is that in respect of the income year 1949-50 incomes from personal exertion up to the following amounts are exempt.

Taxpayer with—	Income Tax.	Social Services Contribution.
	£	£
No Dependants	500	104
Wife	660	200
Wife and one child	771	283
Wife and two children	827	317
Wife and three children	883	350
Wife and four children	939	400

**Income
Tax Rates.**

The following table shows the rates of Income Tax for individuals in respect of the income year 1949-50.

INDIVIDUALS—RATES OF INCOME TAX.

Taxable Income.	Pence in £.
£1 to £500—	
Personal Exertion	Nil
Property—	
On first £350	Nil
On excess	7·755 + (·005 × excess)

INDIVIDUALS—RATES OF INCOME TAX—*continued.*

Taxable Income.					Pence in £.
£501 to £1,000—					
Personal Exertion—					
On first £500	..	..	..	..	Nil
On excess	..	..	..	..	18·024 + ($\cdot 024 \times \text{excess}$)
Property—					
On first £500	..	..	..	..	2·55
On excess	..	..	..	..	28·03 + ($\cdot 03 \times \text{excess}$)
£1,001 to £2,000—					
Personal Exertion—					
On first £1,000	..	..	..	..	15
On excess	..	..	..	..	42·02 + ($\cdot 02 \times \text{excess}$)
Property—					
On first £1,000	..	..	..	..	22·775
On excess	..	..	..	..	58·022 + ($\cdot 022 \times \text{excess}$)
£2,001 to £5,000—					
Personal Exertion—					
On first £2,000	..	..	..	..	38·5
On excess	..	..	..	..	82·01 + ($\cdot 01 \times \text{excess}$)
Property—					
On first £2,000	..	..	..	..	51·3875
On excess	..	..	..	..	102·008 + ($\cdot 008 \times \text{excess}$)
£5,001 to £10,000—					
Personal Exertion—					
On first £5,000	..	..	..	..	82·6
On excess	..	..	..	..	142·002 + ($\cdot 002 \times \text{excess}$)
Property—					
On first £5,000	..	..	..	..	96·155
On excess	..	..	..	..	150·0012 + ($\cdot 0012 \times \text{excess}$)
Exceeding £10,000—					
Personal Exertion—					
On first £10,000	..	..	..	..	117·3
On excess	..	..	..	..	162
Property—					
On first £10,000	..	..	..	..	126·0775
On excess	..	..	..	..	162

**Social
Services
Contribution
Rates.**

In respect of the income year 1949–50, the basic rate for Social Services Contribution was 3d. in the £1 plus three-eighths of 1d. for every £1 by which the contributable income exceeds £100 with a maximum basic rate of 18d. in the £1 which is reached at an income of £500. If the contributable income does not exceed the sum of the concessional allowances by more than £500 a concessional rate is applied.

The amount of contribution payable is limited to half the amount by which the income exceeds £104 in the case of a person without dependants or £156 in other cases. The minimum amount payable is ten shillings and amounts payable and rebates are calculated to the nearest shilling.

Deduction for Residents of Isolated Areas.

A deduction is available to individuals who reside in certain remote areas of the Commonwealth or its Territories. The areas are divided into two Zones—A and B. A resident of Zone A is allowed a deduction of £120 while a resident of Zone B is allowed £20. "Resident" for this purpose means a person who resides in the relevant area for more than one half of the year of income. A proportionate deduction is allowed in respect of residence for periods of less than six months.

Deduction for Members of Forces.

A deduction of £120 is allowable to members of the Defence Forces who serve in certain specified overseas localities for a period of more than half of the year of income. A proportionate deduction is allowed if the service is of less duration than one half of the year.

Payment of Income Tax by Instalments.

A system is in operation to assist the majority of taxpayers in the payment of their taxes by means of regular deductions from salaries or wages. The amounts deducted are regulated so that the employee will have paid the approximate amount of his taxation by the end of the income year.

Income Tax and Social Services Contributions paid 1947-48.

The following table shows the number of taxpayers, taxable and contributable income received, and Social Services Contributions and Income Tax assessed during the year 1948-49 (based on incomes received during 1947-48). The particulars are classified according to grades of taxable and contributable income and relate only to individuals who are resident in Victoria:—

VICTORIA—INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTIONS, 1948-49.

Grade of Income.	Tax-payers.	Taxable and Contributable Income.			Social Services Contributions.	Income Tax.
		Personal Exertion.	Property.	Total.		
£	£	No.	£	£	£	£
105- 150 ..	55,428	6,354,566	764,187	7,118,753	167,574	..
151- 200 ..	69,613	11,158,527	1,046,851	12,205,378	503,125	..
201- 250 ..	76,969	16,215,599	1,093,437	17,309,036	987,339	..
251- 300 ..	69,819	17,977,257	1,080,939	19,058,196	1,227,773	163,283
301- 350 ..	76,056	23,741,540	1,053,514	24,795,054	1,448,848	341,400
351- 400 ..	96,733	35,238,680	1,003,454	36,242,134	2,066,916	653,262
401- 500 ..	156,135	67,475,042	1,833,600	69,308,642	4,157,997	1,301,945
501- 600 ..	68,478	35,680,104	1,481,924	37,162,028	2,500,259	937,025
601- 800 ..	48,465	30,573,610	2,215,348	32,788,958	2,380,554	1,406,850
801- 1,000 ..	18,340	14,564,680	1,613,645	16,178,325	1,199,970	1,199,179
1,001- 1,250 ..	11,517	11,207,295	1,481,990	12,689,285	946,816	1,303,761
1,251- 1,500 ..	6,857	8,177,262	1,087,042	9,264,304	693,600	1,205,002
1,501- 2,000 ..	7,419	11,013,050	1,537,193	12,550,243	939,611	2,047,460
2,001- 3,000 ..	5,679	11,547,108	1,832,360	13,379,468	1,002,099	3,052,916
3,001- 4,000 ..	1,809	5,115,751	853,466	5,969,217	445,840	1,757,856
4,001- 5,000 ..	802	2,842,489	543,555	3,386,044	253,074	1,178,033
5,000-10,000 ..	870	4,064,089	1,162,962	5,227,051	388,924	2,203,909
10,001-15,000 ..	124	1,055,338	230,935	1,286,273	95,618	650,427
15,001 and over ..	68	959,864	213,915	1,173,779	87,341	651,758
Total ..	771,181	314,961,851	22,130,317	337,092,168	21,493,278	20,054,066

**Company
Tax.**

The rates of tax and contribution payable by companies on incomes derived during the year ended 30th June, 1950, were as follows :—

(a) In the case of a company other than a life assurance company, the rates are 60d. in the £ on the first £5,000 of the taxable income, and 72d. in the £ on the remainder. In the case of a life assurance company the rates are 48d. in the £ on the first £5,000 of the mutual income, 60d. in the £ on the remainder of the mutual income, 60d. in the £ on that part of the non-mutual income which equals the amount by which the mutual income is less than £5,000 and 72d. in the £ on the remainder.

(b) In the case of companies, other than private companies, for every £1 of that portion of the taxable income which has not been distributed as dividends and on which the company is liable under Part III.A of the Assessment Act to pay further tax, the rate of tax is 24d.

(c) In addition to the taxes payable under (a) and (b) above, there is payable, upon the taxable income in excess of £5,000, a super tax at the rate of 12d. for every £1 by which the taxable income exceeds £5,000. This super tax does not apply to private companies, co-operative companies, wholly mutual life assurance companies and certain companies whose profits arise from commissions, fees, and charges for services rendered.

(d) In addition to (a), the undistributed income of private companies is subject to additional tax calculated by reference to the aggregate amount of tax and contribution which would have been payable by shareholders had the undistributed amount been actually distributed.

LAND TAX.**State
Land Tax.**

The State Land Tax Act of 1928 provides for a tax on the unimproved value of land and for the assessment of land and for other purposes. For the purposes of this Act, unimproved value means the sum which might be expected to be realized at the time of valuation, if the land were offered for sale on such terms as a seller might in ordinary circumstances be expected to require, and assuming that the improvements (if any) had not been made. The nature of the taxation is a duty upon land for every £1 of the unimproved value thereof, as assessed under the Act, at a rate declared for each year by Act of Parliament. The rate of tax for the year ended 31st December, 1948, was one halfpenny on every £1 of the unimproved value exceeding £250 of land (other than land used for primary production) and £3,000 in respect of land used for primary production. Where the assessed unimproved value exceeded the amount of exemption, the exemption diminished at the rate of £1 for every £1 of such excess, so as to leave no exemption when the unimproved value amounted to, or exceeded £6,000 in the case of land used for primary production and £500 in the case of other land.

An analysis, in specified groups of unimproved values of holdings of the 1950 Land Tax assessments is given in the following table.

VICTORIA—ANALYSIS OF STATE LAND TAX
ASSESSMENTS, 1950.

(Based on unimproved values as at 31st December, 1949.)

Unimproved Values of Holdings Ranging Between—				Number of Taxpayers.	Total Amount of Unimproved Values.	Tax Payable.
£	£					
1 and	500	..	..	79,504	28,051,514	34,540
501 "	600	..	..	12,307	6,815,591	13,424
601 "	750	..	..	11,521	7,756,676	14,909
751 "	1,000	..	..	12,152	10,591,291	19,681
1,001 "	1,500	..	..	11,860	14,521,136	25,577
1,501 "	2,000	..	..	6,025	10,387,259	17,052
2,001 "	3,000	..	..	6,082	14,937,578	22,280
3,001 "	4,000	..	..	6,630	22,981,674	24,168
4,001 "	5,000	..	..	3,776	16,780,788	25,028
5,001 "	6,000	..	..	2,148	11,719,737	21,340
6,001 "	7,000	..	..	1,295	8,356,367	16,507
7,001 "	8,000	..	..	885	6,604,208	13,071
8,001 "	9,000	..	..	604	5,132,201	10,072
9,001 "	10,000	..	..	424	4,030,022	8,079
10,001 "	15,000	..	..	1,089	13,098,212	26,114
15,001 "	20,000	..	..	458	7,890,529	15,633
20,001 "	25,000	..	..	234	5,286,453	10,301
25,001 "	30,000	..	..	148	4,058,443	7,924
30,001 "	35,000	..	..	96	3,082,687	6,399
35,001 "	40,000	..	..	67	2,503,935	5,157
40,001 "	50,000	..	..	109	4,791,038	9,619
50,001 "	75,000	..	..	106	6,297,453	13,098
75,001 "	100,000	..	..	50	4,333,349	8,857
100,001 "	150,000	..	..	33	3,822,537	7,829
150,001 "	200,000	..	..	16	2,737,518	5,480
200,000 "	over	..	..	26	8,832,072	18,271
Total				157,645	235,400,268	400,410

In the succeeding statement details are shown relating to the assessments made during each of the years 1946 to 1950.

VICTORIA—STATE LAND TAX ASSESSMENTS, 1946 TO 1950.

Year.			Number of Taxpayers.	Total Tax Payable.	Average Tax Payable per Taxpayer.	Unimproved Value.
				£	£ s. d.	£
1946	..	..	132,287	364,782	2 15 2	181,372,180
1947	..	..	135,017	368,266	2 14 7	191,778,433
1948	..	..	142,419	377,789	2 13 1	196,858,366
1949	..	..	148,573	384,044	2 11 8	225,549,593
1950	..	..	157,645	400,410	2 10 10	235,400,268

Commonwealth Land Tax. The Commonwealth Government also levies land tax on the lands of the States. Up to and including the year 1941-42 particulars of assessments, &c., for Victoria, were extracted from the report of the Federal Commissioner of Taxation and published in the *Year-Book*. During the period of operation of the National Security (Values of Land Tax) Regulations, however, the compilation of statistics was discontinued and details subsequent to the year 1941-42 are, therefore, not available.

PROBATE DUTIES.

Probate Duties, Victoria. The *Administration and Probate (Estates) Act* No. 5590 of 1951, which came into force as from 1st November, 1951, fixed the rates of duty payable on the estates of deceased persons as follows:—

On that part of the Final Balance which—					The Rate of Duty for every Pound shall be—
Does not exceed £1,500					d. 12
Exceeds	£		£		
1,500	but does not exceed	5,000	..	..	24
5,000	"	"	"	"	30
15,000	"	"	"	"	36
25,000	"	"	"	"	42
35,000	"	"	"	"	48
45,000	"	"	"	"	54
55,000	"	"	"	"	60
65,000	"	"	"	"	66
75,000	"	"	"	"	78

Where the final balance exceeds £99,500 the duty shall be twenty-two pounds ten shillings per centum of the final balance.

No duty is chargeable on estates where the final balance does not exceed six hundred pounds.

On estates passing to the widow or children or wholly dependent widowed mother of a deceased person a rebate of twelve pence is deducted for every pound of the final balance not exceeding £30,000 provided that where the final balance exceeds £60,000 the rebate shall be the rebate so calculated or the amount of £1,500 reduced by 24 pence for every pound by which the final balance exceeds £60,000, whichever is the less.

Certain exemptions are allowed on the estates of members of the Defence Forces who die on active service or as a result of injuries received or disease contracted on active service provided that the estate is left to widow or widower, brother or sister, lineal descendant or lineal ancestor.

The total amounts of probate duty assessed (excluding amounts collected by the Public Trustee) for the years 1945-46, 1946-47, 1947-48, 1948-49, and 1949-50 were £1,878,182, £2,459,430, £2,071,111, £2,659,672, and £2,585,227 respectively. Actual collections of probate duty for the years mentioned are shown in the table on page 262.

The Commonwealth Government also levies probate **Commonwealth Estate Duty** and succession duties. The amount of duty collected throughout Australia in each of the years 1945-46, 1946-47, 1947-48, 1948-49, and 1949-50 was £3,880,041, £4,018,620, £4,555,004, £4,740,362, and £6,054,250 respectively.

COMMONWEALTH, STATE, AND MUNICIPAL TAXATION.

Taxation in Victoria per head of population levied by the Commonwealth, the State, and the Municipalities for each of the years 1945-46 to 1949-50 was as follows:—

COMMONWEALTH, STATE, AND MUNICIPAL TAXATION IN VICTORIA PER HEAD OF POPULATION, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

Authority.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49.	1949-50.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Commonwealth* ..	47 10 9	51 5 7	55 5 9	62 18 8	64 9 5
State†	3 4 9	3 17 10	4 0 10	4 9 7	4 19 8
Total (Commonwealth and State)	50 15 6	55 3 5	59 6 7	67 8 3	69 9 1
Municipal	2 2 11	2 5 7	2 9 6	2 14 2	2 19 8
Grand Total ..	52 18 5	57 9 0	61 16 1	70 2 5	72 8 9

* Average taxation per head collected throughout Australia by the Commonwealth Government on account of taxation derived from the following sources:—Customs, Excise, Estate and Gift Duties; Income, Land, Sales, Entertainment, War-time Company, Gold, Pay-roll and Flour Taxes, Social Services Contributions, Wool, Wheat, and Stevedoring Industry charges.

† Excluding payments by the Commonwealth under the Income Tax and Entertainments Tax Reimbursement Acts of 1942 and the States Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act of 1946.

TAXATION COLLECTIONS—AUSTRALIAN STATES.

The following statement gives particulars of the total taxation collections (irrespective of whether such moneys had been paid into Consolidated Revenue or not) by each of the Australian States during the years 1945-46 to 1949-50. The information has been dissected

with a view to showing separately the actual collections by each State and the amounts received by each State from the Commonwealth under the provisions of the Income and Entertainments Tax Reimbursement Acts of 1942 and the States Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act of 1946 :—

STATE TAXATION COLLECTIONS—TOTAL AND PER HEAD OF POPULATION, 1946 TO 1950.

Year ended 30th June—	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Total All States.
TOTAL COLLECTIONS.							
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
1946 { (a)	9,764	6,527	3,662	2,208	1,452	1,381	24,994
(b)	15,045	6,804	5,756	2,405	2,594	917	33,521
1947 { (a)	10,979	7,943	4,075	2,294	1,573	1,562	28,426
(b)	16,128	8,770	6,564	3,436	3,352	1,214	39,464
1948 { (a)	13,003	8,364	4,663	2,437	1,933	1,732	32,132
(b)	18,302	9,882	7,357	3,884	3,793	1,370	44,588
1949 { (a)	14,412	9,463	5,373	3,038	2,099	2,005	36,390
(b)	21,878	12,027	8,813	4,623	4,482	1,665	53,488
1950 { (a)	16,584	10,814	6,104	3,475	2,518	2,246	41,741
(b)	25,331	14,237	10,215	5,367	5,151	1,970	62,271

PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1946 { (a)	3	7	0	3	4	9	3	7	5	3	9	10	2	19	0	5	10	9	3	7	7
(b)	5	3	4	3	7	6	5	6	0	3	16	0	5	5	6	3	13	6	4	10	8
1947 { (a)	3	14	1	3	17	10	3	12	11	3	11	8	3	3	4	6	2	8	3	15	8
(b)	5	8	10	4	6	0	5	19	8	5	7	3	6	14	9	4	15	6	5	5	4
1948 { (a)	4	6	6	4	0	10	4	3	10	3	14	9	3	16	0	6	12	4	4	4	5
(b)	6	1	9	4	15	6	6	12	3	5	19	1	7	9	1	5	4	8	5	17	2
1949 { (a)	4	14	1	4	9	7	4	14	8	4	11	4	4	0	5	7	9	6	4	13	8
(b)	7	2	10	5	13	10	7	15	4	6	19	0	8	11	8	6	4	1	6	17	9
1950 { (a)	5	4	7	4	19	8	5	4	11	5	1	2	4	12	3	8	2	0	5	4	2
(b)	7	19	9	6	11	2	8	15	8	7	16	4	9	8	9	7	2	0	7	15	4

(a) State Taxation collections.

(b) Payments by the Commonwealth to the States under Income and Entertainments Tax Reimbursement Acts of 1942 and the States Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act of 1946.

The total taxation collected by the Commonwealth and all States for each of the years 1945-46 to 1949-50 is shown hereunder :—

COMMONWEALTH AND ALL STATES—TAXATION COLLECTIONS, 1946 TO 1950.

Year ended 30th June—	Taxation by Commonwealth Government.	Taxation by all State Governments.*	Total Taxation.	
			Amount.	Per Head of Population.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£ s. d.
1946	353,211	25,060	378,271	50 18 3
1947	385,616	28,426	414,042	55 1 3
1948	422,413	32,132	454,545	59 9 11
1949	490,813	36,390	527,203	67 12 0
1950	518,959	41,741	560,700	69 13 1

* Excluding payments by the Commonwealth to the States under Income and Entertainments Tax Reimbursement Acts of 1942 and the States Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act of 1946.

PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES.

Pension and Superannuation Schemes in Force.

A statement of Pension and Superannuation schemes in force at 30th June, 1928, in the Public Services of Victoria, was published in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 98.

Cost of Pensions and Gratuities.

During the year 1949-50, the State Government expended a sum of £1,464,855 on pensions, gratuities, &c. Of this amount, £57,559 was spent on pensions of a non-contributory nature. The remainder represents payments from State revenue to the Police Superannuation Fund, the Police Pensions Fund, the Superannuation Fund, and the Coal Mine Workers' Pensions Fund. Act No. 5464 which came into force on 30th June, 1950, provided for an increase of 20 per cent. in non-contributory pensions of less than £468 per annum and in widow's pensions of less than £234 per annum with a proviso that such pensions shall not exceed £468 per annum or (in the case of a widow's pension) £234 per annum. The following table gives details of the State Government expenditure on pensions for each of the years 1945-46 to 1949-50:—

VICTORIA—GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE ON PENSIONS, GRATUITIES, ETC., 1946 TO 1950.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
Non-contributory Pensions, &c.—	£	£	£	£	£
Railways	48,590	40,301	35,511	40,629	30,318
Lunacy	81	3			
Judges	2,250	3,375	2,395	2,250	2,688
Civil Service	1,088	869	376	298	272
Public Service	38,869	33,775	27,396	28,472	21,877
Education Department					
Officers transferred to Commonwealth Service	3,100	3,312	2,700	2,300	1,540
Various Allowances, &c.	917	925	925	1,015	864
Total Non-contributory Pensions, Gratuities, &c. ..	94,895	82,560	69,303	74,964	57,559
Contributory Pensions—					
Police Superannuation Fund—					
Government Subsidy	25,785	16,962	6,868	3,035	23,698
Transferred from Licensing Fund (Act No. 3717)	23,000	23,000	23,000	23,000	23,000
Fines	19,692	21,378	25,233	26,038	29,075
Total	68,477	61,340	55,101	52,073	75,773
Police Pensions Fund	126,000	151,800	161,800	175,800	261,800
The Superannuation Fund—					
Railways	412,308	426,425	513,098	602,823	625,698
Other	274,196	280,071	333,657	394,668	409,941
Total	686,504	706,496	846,755	997,491	1,035,639
Coal Mine Workers' Pensions Fund	20,950	18,864	28,872	32,103	34,084
Parliamentary Contributory Retirement Fund .. .. .	..	..	3,581	..	..
Total Contributory Pensions	901,931	938,500	1,096,109	1,257,467	1,407,296
GRAND TOTAL	996,826	1,021,060	1,165,412	1,332,431	1,464,855

**Police
Superannua-
tion Fund.**

This Fund is maintained by an annual subsidy of £2,000 from the Consolidated Revenue; by a moiety of the fines inflicted by the Courts of Petty Sessions; by transfers from the Licensing Fund under the provisions of Act No. 3717; and, should the foregoing sources prove insufficient, by a further grant in aid from the Consolidated Revenue.

During the year 1949-50 the total receipts of the fund from Government Revenue amounted to £75,773, all of which was expended on pensions.

Pensions are payable out of this fund only to those who joined the Police Force prior to the 25th November, 1902. There are now no members of the Police Force contributing to the fund.

**Police
Pensions Fund.**

Under Act No. 3750, which came into operation on 1st January, 1924, pensions are provided for those members of the Police Force who have joined since 25th November, 1902, as well as to persons who may enter the Force in the future. The main provisions of the principal Act were published in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 100. The Principal Act was amended by the *Police Regulation Act* No. 4592 of 1938 and the *Police Regulation (Amendment) Act* No. 5359 of 1948. Brief reference to the principal provisions of these Acts is made in previous issues of the *Year-Book*. Further amending legislation is contained in the *Police Regulation (Amendment) Act* No. 5448 of 1949, the *Police Regulation (Pensions) Act* No. 5460 of 1950 and the *Police Regulation (Amendment) Act* No. 5467 of 1950. The main effect of these Acts was to further increase the pension payable to a pensioner. The pension payable to the widow of a deceased contributor or pensioner was also increased.

The receipts of the Police Pensions Fund (established under Act No. 3750) during 1949-50 amounted to £449,916, comprising:—Deductions from pay, £62,916; special appropriation, £261,800; interests on investments, £125,200. During the year £161,768 was paid in pensions, £992 in gratuities, and £2,392 represented deductions from pay returned. There was a balance of £3,827,800 in the Fund at 30th June, 1950, of which £3,783,795 was invested.

**The Super-
annuation
Fund.**

On 24th November, 1925, legislation was enacted by the State Parliament making provision on a contributory basis for superannuation benefits for public servants and railway employees. Contributions of officers, amounts received from the Government, and income from investments are paid into the Superannuation Fund and benefits provided by the Act are paid therefrom. Act No. 3782 of 1928 consolidated existing legislation regarding the Fund. Brief references to the more important amendments to that Act have been made in the *Year-Books* of 1928-29 and subsequent issues. Amending legislation relating to the Fund is contained in the *Superannuation Act* 1947 (No. 5255) the principle provisions of which appeared in the *Year-Book* for 1948-49. Act No. 5453, which came into force on 30th June, 1950, provided *inter alia* for an increase in the unit value from £32 10s. to £39. Pension payments for the child of a deceased contributor or pensioner were also increased from £13 to £19 10s. per unit. The Consolidated Revenue or the Railway Revenue (as the case may be) bear the additional charge.

The number of contributors to the Fund at 30th June, 1950, was 31,812—males 28,007 and females 3,805.

During the year 1949-50, the receipts of the Superannuation Fund amounted to £2,329,228, consisting of contributions from officers, £922,545; from Consolidated Revenue, £1,032,383*; interest on investments, £372,793; and other receipts, £1,507. The total payments from the fund during the year were £1,437,293, and comprised pensions, £1,354,164; refund of contributions, £81,158; and other expenditure, £1,971. The balance in the Fund at 30th June, 1950, was £11,169,598, of which £11,162,977 was invested.

**Port Phillip
Pilot Sick and
Superannua-
tion Fund.**

This fund does not receive contributions from the Government but is maintained by deductions from pilots' earnings and annual income derived from investment of moneys belonging to the Fund which, in 1949-50 amounted to £10,533 and £6,064 respectively. During the same period, £8,696 was expended on pensions and £170 on sick allowances.

* This figure does not agree with that shown on page 276, which includes Consolidated Revenue's share of pensions accrued to 30th June.

**Coal Mine
Workers'
Pensions Fund.**

This fund was established under Act No. 4932 of 1942 which provided for the payment of retiring pensions to mine workers (who before retirement have qualified for such pensions by reason of the length of service in the coal mining industry) in one of the several ways specified in the Act and for the payment of disablement pensions to such qualified mine workers who are totally or partially incapacitated by injury. Provision is also made for the payment of additional amounts in respect of dependants.

Amendments to the principal Act are contained in Acts No. 5223 of 1947, No. 5313 of 1948, and No. 5436 of 1949. Each of these Acts provided, *inter alia*, for progressive increases in the original rates of pension payable to a miner or his dependants.

During 1949-50 the Treasurer contributed £13,211 to the fund and the State Coal Mines (as owners) £20,873.

**Parlia-
mentary
Contri-
butory
Retirement
Fund.**

This fund was established under authority of the *Parliamentary Contributory Retirement Fund Act*, No. 5185, of 24th December, 1946, to provide pensions for ex-members of the Victorian Parliament. Originally members were obliged to contribute to the Fund at the rate of one pound per fortnight but amending legislation, which became operative on 1st July, 1948, increased members' subscriptions to two pounds per fortnight and also fixed the amounts of lump sum payments to be made. Under the provisions of Act No. 5587, which came into operation on 7th November 1951, members now contribute to the Fund at the rate of £3 10s. 0d. per fortnight. Should there be insufficient funds available to pay pensions, &c., under the Act, then the additional amounts required shall be paid from the Consolidated Revenue.

Every person who has ceased to be a member and has served as a member for at least fifteen years, or for at least three Parliaments, is entitled to be paid out of the fund, a pension fortnightly at the rate of the basic wage payable in Melbourne.

Provision is also made for payments of certain sums to ex-members who do not fulfill the conditions necessary for a pension and the payment of a pension to the widow of a deceased member or ex-member at a rate equivalent to the amount that would have been paid or was being paid to the deceased.

All payments out of the fund are subject to the approval of trustees appointed to administer the fund.

**STATE GOVERNMENT, LOCAL GOVERNMENT, SEMI-
GOVERNMENTAL AND OTHER PUBLIC BODIES—
REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.**

In the following statements ordinary revenue and expenditure of the State Government, Local Government, and certain semi-Governmental and other Public Bodies in Victoria have been combined for each of the five years 1945 to 1949. Where a grant has been made by one authority to another, such grant has been excluded from both the revenue and expenditure of the recipient.

**VICTORIA—STATE GOVERNMENT, LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL AND OTHER PUBLIC BODIES—
REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1945 TO 1949.**

Heading.	Financial Year ended in—				
	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
<i>Revenue.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
State Government	35,971,274	36,145,563	38,641,893	43,291,393	48,613,095
Local Government	8,345,060	8,651,614	9,380,827	10,640,088	12,141,432
Semi-Governmental and other Public Bodies—					
Water Supply and Sewerage ..	3,026,944	2,983,686	3,080,749	3,247,777	3,493,601
Irrigation	91,887	78,779	78,061	92,386	103,717
Harbors	960,948	1,001,189	1,052,077	1,215,154	1,477,273
Tramways	4,006,035	4,020,940	3,869,651	3,856,553	4,126,278
Electricity Supply	5,799,161	6,160,185	6,399,510	7,147,490	8,805,818
Fire Brigades	172,010	191,930	195,391	220,791	236,059
Housing Commission	96,240	169,039	281,310	450,658	668,122
Grain Elevators Board	181,913	195,237	190,384	227,687	235,665
Western Metropolitan Market Trust	3,234	3,080	4,626	3,300	3,659
Total	58,654,706	59,601,242	63,174,479	70,393,277	79,904,719
<i>Ordinary Expenditure.</i>					
State Government	35,622,150	36,139,829	38,636,860	43,845,097	49,995,876
Local Government	7,930,764	8,936,867	9,766,885	11,175,041	12,385,142
Semi-Governmental and Other Public Bodies—					
Water Supply and Sewerage ..	2,975,365	2,993,088	3,191,344	3,297,770	3,539,657
Irrigation	93,404	73,095	67,336	90,643	114,662
Harbors	983,605	950,304	1,056,411	1,074,786	1,230,022
Tramways	3,956,530	3,986,361	3,890,645	4,035,010	4,375,344
Electricity Supply	5,739,953	6,096,722	6,310,110	7,360,561	8,776,517
Fire Brigades	163,476	157,708	188,406	187,602	222,001
Housing Commission	102,473	149,755	265,719	419,190	751,486
Grain Elevators Board	177,208	191,004	187,666	223,503	231,560
Western Metropolitan Market Trust	3,559	3,519	3,396	3,339	3,648
Total	57,748,487	59,678,252	63,564,778	71,712,542	81,625,915

PUBLIC DEBT.

The following statement shows the result of loan transactions, including Treasury Bonds in aid of revenue, to 30th June, 1950 :—

LOANS RAISED AND REDEEMED TO 30TH JUNE, 1950.

	£
Cash received	1,219,175,624
Discount and expenses after deducting premiums	9,724,863
Securities issued	1,228,900,487
Add liability to Commonwealth on account of flotation in course	5,697,000
	<u>1,234,597,487</u>
Loans redeemed by—	£
Renewal Loans	963,394,270
National Debt Sinking Fund	27,520,381
Other Funds	24,062,803
Discount (securities purchased under par)	83,739
Liability transferred to Commonwealth Government Act No. 4246	2,160,960
Premium (securities redeemed above par)	Cr. 37,491
	<u>1,017,184,662</u>
Loans outstanding on 30th June, 1950	217,412,825

It will be seen that, upon the transactions to 30th June, 1950, securities representing £1,228,900,487 were issued, and that the amount of cash received was £1,219,175,624. The State thus received £99 4s. 2d. in cash for every £100 bond given.

The following table gives particulars relating to the Loans Floated, loans raised in London, New York, and Melbourne, and shows the amounts which were outstanding at 30th June, 1950 :—

VICTORIA—LOANS FLOATED TO 30TH JUNE, 1950.

Heading.	Nominal Amount Raised (Amount for which Securities have been Issued).	Loans Paid off (including Renewal Loans).	Debt Outstanding at 30th June, 1950.		
			Inscribed Stock.	Debentures, &c.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£
London Register ..	*600,689,530	550,632,405	1,863,483	48,193,642	†50,057,125
Melbourne Register ..	628,210,957	466,552,257	156,521,115	5,137,585	161,658,700
Total ..	1,228,900,487	1,017,184,662	158,384,598	53,331,227	211,715,825
Add liability to Commonwealth on account of flotation in Course					5,697,000
Total Public Debt at 30th June, 1950					<u>217,412,825</u>

* Including loans raised in New York through the Commonwealth Government amounting to £7,070,913.

† Including £4,516,725 raised in New York through the Commonwealth Government.

Particulars concerning the due dates of loans outstanding at 30th June, 1950, are given in the following table. Where the Government had the option of redemption during a specified period, the loans have been classified according to the latest date of maturity :—

DUE DATES OF VICTORIAN LOANS AT 30TH JUNE, 1950.

Due Date (Financial Year).				Repayable in London.	Repayable in Australia.	Total
				£	£	£
1950-51	..	..	..	5,805,525	4,112,108	9,917,633
1951-52	..	..	..	..	6,651,270	6,651,270
1952-53	..	..	..	..	792,000	792,000
1953-54	..	..	..	..	7,696,675	7,696,675
1954-55	..	..	..	..	8,923,710	8,923,710
1955-56	..	..	..	1,863,483*	8,808,268	10,671,751
1956-57	..	..	..	958,389*	3,182,860	4,141,249
1957-58	..	..	..	..	13,906,924	13,906,924
1958-59	..	..	..	13,553,800	9,018,915	22,572,715
1959-60	..	..	..	..	23,700,586	23,700,586
1960-61	..	..	..	650,075	16,309,340	16,959,415
1961-62	..	..	..	737,286*	13,181,548	13,918,834
1962-63	..	..	..	..	14,522,212	14,522,212
1963-64	..	..	..	..	29,460,550	29,460,550
1964-65	..	..	..	..	50,900	50,900
1965-66	..	..	..	1,989,400	..	1,989,400
1966-67	..	..	..	6,860,767†	..	6,860,767
1967-68	..	..	..	8,485,100	..	8,485,100
1969-70	..	..	..	9,153,300	..	9,153,300
1982-83	..	..	..	..	3,726,660	3,726,660
Not yet fixed	..	..	..	..	3,311,174	3,311,174
Total				50,057,125	167,355,700	217,412,825

* Raised in New York by the Commonwealth Government, but repayable by State Treasurer to Agent-General in London.

† Including £957,567 raised in New York.

In the succeeding statement of the Public Debt of Victoria at various dates, loans repayable outside Australia and the annual interest payable thereon are shown separately. Particulars relating to New York loans are included as indicated in the note to the statement.

In the subsequent statements "interest payable" does not include the cost of paying interest overseas. Particulars of exchange paid in each of the years 1945-46 to 1949-50 are shown on page 289.

All tables in the *Year-Book* relating to the Public Debt, show the Oversea Debt of Victoria in Australian currency, but at the time of repayment it will entail the use of sterling or dollars as the case may be.

During 1931-32, the conversion of Victoria's portion of the internal debt of the Commonwealth and States of Australia was effected as provided for by the Debt Conversion Agreement Acts (Nos. 1 and 2) of 1931. The conversion was based on a reduction of $22\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of the interest rates payable on the then existing securities.

VICTORIA—PUBLIC DEBT AND INTEREST PAYABLE
THEREON IN LONDON AND AUSTRALIA, 1900 TO 1950.

At 30th June—	Amount of Loans Repayable in—		Annual Interest Payable in—	
	London.*	Australia.	London.	Australia.
	£	£	£	£
1900	44,655,579	4,670,306	1,735,307	152,096
1910	39,012,436	16,564,289	1,419,579	560,520
1915	41,333,738	31,750,189	1,520,762	1,131,811
1920	42,406,040	45,241,699	1,637,615	1,902,108
1925	51,869,204	79,300,361	2,319,486	3,999,635
1930	68,750,235	93,538,759	3,225,754	4,831,371
1935	67,638,378	106,522,285	2,651,050	3,930,414
1940	66,963,733	113,586,235	2,623,176	4,274,672
1945	65,834,565	113,570,626	2,515,982	3,840,676
1946	60,657,630	119,069,642	2,095,152	4,021,732
1947	60,659,355	122,436,898	2,086,649	4,153,388
1948	60,702,314	128,243,203	2,057,644	4,304,689
1949	56,230,212	146,652,953	1,842,991	4,861,516
1950	50,057,125	167,355,700	1,627,183	5,463,834

* Loans raised in New York by the Commonwealth Government are included as follows :—
(At 30th June) 1930 and 1931, £4,658,461; 1932, £4,648,084; 1933, £4,615,021; 1934, £4,592,459;
1935, £4,569,473; 1936, £4,547,877; 1937, £4,530,842; 1938, £4,517,207; 1939 to 1946,
£4,498,878; 1947, £4,500,603; 1948, £4,570,562; 1949, £4,548,370; 1950, £4,516,725.

Rates of Interest on Public Debt. The appended table shows the rates of interest which were payable on the public debt at 30th June, 1950, and the portions of the debt at each rate in London and Australia respectively:—

**VICTORIA—RATES OF INTEREST ON PUBLIC DEBT AT
30TH JUNE, 1950.**

Rate of Interest. Per cent.	Amount Repayable in—		
	London.	Australia.	Total.
	£	£	£
5	1,863,483*	..	1,863,483
4 .. .. .	..	23,432,028	23,432,028
3½ .. .. .	..	13,935,375	13,935,375
3¼ .. .. .	..	4,678,360	4,678,360
3⅛ .. .. .	..	908,550	908,550
3¼	20,414,567†	254,650	20,669,217
£3 9s. 9d. .. .. .	..	500	500
3⅛	737,286*	..	737,286
3¼	10,761,764‡	47,155,901	57,917,665
3⅛ .. .. .	..	63,547,452	63,547,452
£3 2s. .. .. .	..	314,890	314,890
3	10,474,500	1,251,215	11,725,715
£2 14s. 3d. .. .. .	..	132,456	132,456
2½ .. .. .	..	1,525	1,525
£2 6s. 6d. .. .. .	..	710,578	710,578
2¼	5,805,525	..	5,805,525
2 .. .. .	..	7,305,560	7,305,560
1 .. .. .	..	3,726,660	3,726,660
Total	50,057,125	167,355,700	217,412,825
	%	%	%
Average rate of interest	3·25	3·26	3·26

* Raised in New York by the Commonwealth Government.

† Including £957,567 raised in New York.

‡ Including £958,389 raised in New York.

Growth of Public Debt. The growth of the public debt of Victoria since the establishment of responsible government in 1855 is illustrated in the next statement.

During 1928-29, the amount at credit of the State Redemption and Sinking Funds—£5,540,369—was applied to the liquidation of the public debt, and in 1934-35, the debt was decreased by the transfer

of a liability amounting to £2,160,960 from the State to the Commonwealth Government under Act No. 4246. From £174,160,663 at 30th June, 1935—the first occasion on which the debt was less than that of the immediately preceding year—the public debt increased steadily until it reached the amount of £181,219,188 at 30th June, 1941. Although the Public Debt decreased during each of the years 1941–42 to 1943–44, it increased during each of the years 1944–45 to 1949–50 and at 30th June, 1950, amounted to £217,412,825.

The tables in this *Year-Book* relating to the Public Debt do not include an amount of £23,600,000 advanced to Victoria by the Commonwealth under the provisions of the Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement. Under the conditions of the Agreement the Commonwealth agreed to make Loan advances to the State to facilitate the financing and construction of dwelling units through the agency of the State Housing Commission. The amounts so advanced are funded at the end of each financial year and the Housing Commission is required to meet from its revenues all interest and redemption charges incidental to the repayment of each year's loan advances by equal instalments over a period of 53 years. Up to 30th June, 1950, repayments of the principal amounted to £333,339.

VICTORIA—GROWTH OF PUBLIC DEBT AND INTEREST, 1855 TO 1949–50.

Financial Year ending in—	Loans Outstanding.			Amount per Head of Population.	
	Amount.	Annual Interest Payable.		Debt.	Annual Interest Payable.
		Total.	Average Rate per cent.		
	£	£	%	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1855* ..	1,180,000	70,800	6.00	3 4 9	0 3 11
1860 ..	5,643,100	337,905	5.99	10 9 10	0 12 7
1870* ..	12,099,800	699,240	5.78	16 13 1	0 19 3
1880 ..	20,567,700	1,029,991	5.01	24 9 4	1 4 6
1890 ..	41,377,693	1,649,465	3.99	36 19 11	1 9 6
1900 ..	49,325,885	1,887,403	3.83	41 6 8	1 11 8
1910 ..	55,576,725	1,980,099	3.56	43 6 8	1 10 10
1920 ..	87,647,739	3,539,723	4.04	57 19 1	2 6 10
1925 ..	131,169,565	6,319,121	4.82	78 9 11	3 16 3
1930 ..	162,288,994	8,057,125	4.96	90 18 7	4 10 7
1935 ..	174,160,663	6,581,464	3.78	94 15 2	3 11 8
1940 ..	180,549,968	6,897,848	3.82	94 17 2	3 12 5
1945 ..	179,405,191	6,356,658	3.54	89 2 0	3 3 2
1946 ..	179,727,272	6,116,884	3.40	88 9 11	3 0 3
1947 ..	183,096,253	6,240,037	3.41	89 1 9	3 0 9
1948 ..	188,945,517	6,362,333	3.37	90 7 6	3 0 11
1949 ..	202,883,165	6,704,507	3.30	94 16 11	3 2 8
1950 ..	217,412,825	7,091,017	3.26	98 13 11	3 4 5

* Including outstanding liabilities of the Melbourne and Geelong Corporations Guarantee Loans.

The following table shows the capital liability of the State at 30th June, 1950, in respect of its public works and services. The apportionment of the State's equity in the National Debt Sinking Fund is also shown :—

VICTORIA—SUMMARY OF CAPITAL LIABILITY UNDER THE VARIOUS WORKS AND SERVICES, TOGETHER WITH THE APPORTIONMENT OF THE STATE'S EQUITY IN THE NATIONAL DEBT SINKING FUND AT 30TH JUNE, 1950.

Works or Services.	Liability.	Deduction on Account of National Debt Sinking Fund.	Net Liability.
	£	£	£
Railways*—			
As reduced	56,592,041	6,852,035	49,740,006
Transferred	30,684,571	4,173,811	26,510,760
Country Waterworks	38,968,652	4,055,383	34,913,269
Electricity Supply	18,585,219	2,592,617	15,992,602
Land Settlement	25,988,126	4,681,283	21,306,843
Soldier Settlement	15,333,365	137,727	15,195,638
Grain Elevators Board	815,542	52,687	762,855
Housing Commission	952,194	74,869	877,325
Country Roads	10,906,587	1,672,016	9,234,571
Public Works, Buildings, &c. ..	19,387,434	977,915	18,409,519
Forests	6,554,271	198,372	6,355,899
Unemployment Relief	12,069,311	1,161,802	10,907,509
Rural Finance Corporation	15,000	..	15,000
In Aid of Revenue	7,182,232	1,146,180	6,036,052
Unapportioned	20,003	..	20,003
Total	244,054,548	27,776,697	216,277,851

* The Railways (Finances Adjustment) Act No. 4429 provided for the reduction of railway loan liability by the sum of £30,000,000 on 1st July, 1937, and for the transfer of that amount to the "Reduction of Railway Loan Liability Account".

A reconciliation between the Public Debt at 30th June, 1950, and the net liability shown above is given hereunder :—

	£	£
Public Debt at 30th June, 1950 .. ..	..	217,412,825
Deduct Cash at Credit of National Debt Sinking Fund	256,316	
Deduct Repayments to State Loans Repayment Fund	24,733,934	
		24,990,250
		192,422,575
Add Expenditure from the State Loans Repayment Fund .. ..	..	23,855,276
Net Liability for Works .. ..	..	216,277,851

In addition to the ordinary expenditure from revenue, certain sums are disbursed annually for various purposes from Loans and on account of Loan Funds. The figures in the following table include all such expenditure, whether the loans have been repaid or are still in existence. The table shows the details for each of the years 1946-47 to 1949-50 and the total to 30th June, 1950:—

VICTORIA—EXPENDITURE FROM LOAN FUNDS AND ON ACCOUNT OF LOANS, 1946-47 TO 1949-50.

Expenditure on—	During the Year Ended 30th June—				Total to 30th June, 1950.
	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.	
	£	£	£	£	£
Public Works—					
Railways*—					
As reduced ..	488,050	479,275	1,344,265	2,655,235	55,980,777
Transferred ..	..	..	..	..	29,134,658
Country Roads ..	25,042	25,847	392,277	389,711	13,037,295
Bridges ..	13,824	792	49	29	476,795
Harbors and Rivers ..	30,415	87,890	172,068	101,026	1,807,919
Water Supply—					
Country ..	1,466,122	1,893,165	2,251,873	4,149,501	39,164,589
Metropolitan ..	..	..	..	..	3,142,577
Sewerage ..	..	2,095	13,936	10,378	246,862
Electricity Supply ..	..	..	..	..	17,839,227
Public Buildings—					
Schools ..	539,436	609,867	1,023,202	2,160,412	10,776,419
Hospitals ..	176,230	213,343	357,497	1,470,402	3,731,875
Other ..	81,950	180,268	228,380	471,475	2,532,310
Other Public Works ..	61,838	131,339	133,597	188,601	1,224,916
Decentralization Fund ..	..	..	..	300,000	300,000
Immigration ..	..	10,038	16,343	75,315	121,696
Municipal Endowment ..	..	..	..	..	698,250
Municipalities, Loans, Grants, &c. ..	33,616	80,944	74,156	138,624	1,255,467
Housing ..	528,562	469,743	193,676	304,374	3,461,640
Unemployment Relief ..	..	..	..	..	13,147,158
Primary Production—					
Land Settlement† ..	..	..	..	..	41,570,934
Soldier Settlement ..	2,226,665	5,408,434	4,181,682	4,844,148	16,730,307
Wire Netting Advances ..	..	16,004	16,019	11,006	928,758
Agriculture ..	..	..	..	60,465	211,147

* Reduced under the authority of Act No. 4429 of 1936.

† Land Settlement—Closer Settlement and Discharged Soldiers' Settlement Fund abolished during 1938-39 and Soldier Settlement re-established in 1945-46.

VICTORIA—EXPENDITURE FROM LOAN FUNDS AND ON ACCOUNT OF
LOANS—*continued.*

Expenditure on—	During the Year Ended 30th June—				Total to 30th June, 1950.
	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.	
	£	£	£	£	£
Settlers Advances—					
Cultivation ..	7,130	28,258	500	95	2,620,806
Other ..	3,713	6,870	9,644	5,041	117,710
Bulk Handling of Wheat ..	..	..	..	153,740	1,153,740
Forestry ..	1,329,450	1,112,650	1,331,021	1,543,024	8,415,265
Mining, N.E.I. ..	..	..	26,840	..	297,862
Mining—State Coal Mine ..	197	223	13,718	12,924	347,929
Primary Products—Ad- vances to Companies ..	..	..	..	..	331,101
Cool Stores—Advances to Companies ..	10,230	493	523	6,878	641,030
Drought Relief ..	88,410	182,001	..	..	1,024,411
Other Primary Produc- tion ..	..	15,000	..	29,185	197,047
Other Purposes ..	..	58,112	945,883	1,243,600	2,698,545
Total Works Expenditure	7,110,880	11,012,651	12,727,149	20,325,189	275,367,022
In Aid of Revenue ..	..	..	553,704	1,382,781	11,055,167
Grand Total ..	7,110,880	11,012,651	13,280,853	21,707,970	286,422,189

The figures in the foregoing table are “Net” in as much as they exclude discounts and flotation expenses, particulars of which are as follow :—1946-47, £6,203 ; 1947-48, £134,492 ; 1948-49, £940,330 ; and 1949-50, £1,436,226. The aggregate to 30th June, 1950, was £9,724,863.

Of the proceeds of loans and temporary advances outstanding at 30th June, 1950, sums not yet expended amounted in the aggregate to £368,614, of which £11,590 was for Railways, £12,509 for Water Supply, £3,485 for Land Settlement, £10,000 for Rural Finance Corporation, £78,379 for Country Roads, £251,392 for Public Works, Buildings, &c., and £1,258 for State Forests.

The amounts of interest and expenses paid on the Public Debt of Victoria during each of the financial years 1945-46 to 1949-50 are shown in the next table :—

Interest paid
on Loans.

**VICTORIA—INTEREST AND EXPENSES OF PUBLIC DEBT,
1946 TO 1950.**

Year Ended 30th June.	Interest Paid on Loans in—		Interest Paid on Temporary Loans.	Commission on Payment of Interest in London Expenses of Conversion Loans, &c.	Exchange on Payment of Interest in London.†	Total.‡
	London.*	Melbourne.				
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1946 ..	2,330,636	3,883,564	80,307	56,327	644,789	6,995,623
1947 ..	2,095,151	3,959,381	74,407	27,246	585,301	6,741,486
1948 ..	2,100,256	4,065,487	60,500	23,674	587,549	6,837,466
1949 ..	1,962,942	4,361,932	48,899	65,021	541,766	6,980,560
1950 ..	1,738,109	5,054,184	31,443	49,968	567,181	7,440,885

* Including interest paid on loans raised in New York—£221,140 for 1945-46 and 1946-47 £225,492 for 1947-48; £184,608 for 1948-49; and £184,018 for 1949-50.

† Includes Exchange paid in respect of Loans raised in New York :—£113,845 for 1945-46, £114,100 for 1946-47, £116,247 for 1947-48, £94,955 for 1948-49, and £177,132 for 1949-50.

‡ Includes £2,127,159 contributed each year by the Commonwealth in accordance with the provisions of the "Financial Agreement".

NATIONAL DEBT SINKING FUND.

The National Debt Sinking Fund was established under the provisions of the *Commonwealth and States Financial Agreement Act 1927* (No. 3554). Under the Federal Aid Roads Agreement, the Commonwealth Government agreed to pay Sinking Fund contributions on loan moneys provided by the States for certain roads. The agreement was terminated on 30th June, 1947, and from 1st December, these payments became a State liability. The following table gives particulars of the receipts and disbursements during 1949-50 :—

	£
Balance at credit of Victoria at 30th June, 1949	129,384
Contributions during 1949-50—	
By Commonwealth under Financial Agreement	398,234
,, State under Financial Agreement	1,854,162
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	2,252,396
Interest received	7,142
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	2,388,922
Cancellation of securities to the value of £1,962,028 at a cost of	<hr/>
	2,132,606
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Balance at credit of the State at 30th June, 1950	256,316
Face value of securities cancelled to 30th June, 1950	27,520,381
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Net credit to Victoria at 30th June, 1950	27,776,697

TRUST FUNDS.

At 30th June, 1950, the liability of the Treasurer on account of moneys lodged for investment and for securities and other lodgments amounted to £16,785,338. Investments in Australian Consolidated Inscribed Stock and other securities amounted to £8,537,202, and cash advances totalled £5,119,628. The balance—£3,128,508—was at the credit of the Public Account.

PUBLIC DEBT OF AUSTRALIA.

The public debts of the six Australian States aggregated £1,078,808,968 at 30th June, 1950. Details of the indebtedness in respect of each State are shown in the following table. Sinking Funds have not been deducted. Treasury Bills covering Revenue Deficits are included. Revenue Deficits which are not covered by Treasury Bills overdrafts on Loan Account and advances from Trust Funds are excluded :—

PUBLIC DEBTS OF AUSTRALIAN STATES AT 30TH JUNE, 1950.

Heading.	Victoria.	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Public Debt	217,412,825	425,288,941	150,661,545	133,174,535	109,550,142	42,720,979
Debt per head of population at 30th June, 1950	£ s. d. 98 13 11	£ s. d. 131 13 7	£ s. d. 127 7 1	£ s. d. 190 13 9	£ s. d. 196 5 1	£ s. d. 153 2 5

The public debt of the Commonwealth exclusive of loans raised on behalf of the States but including debts on account of the Port Augusta-Oodnadatta Railway and the Northern Territory amounted to £1,910,350,943 at 30th June, 1950.

The total public debt of Australia—Commonwealth and States—at the above date was £2,989,159,191, of which £2,499,517,561 was payable in Australia, £449,471,159 in London, and £40,170,759 in New York. The loan liability of the Australian public at 30th June, 1950, averaged £365 3s. 6d. per head of population.

PART VII.

POPULATION.

According to manuscript notes made by Captain Lonsdale, the first enumeration of the people was taken by an officer from Sydney on the 25th May, 1836, less than one year after the date of the arrival of John Batman (29th May, 1835). This was the first official census in Victoria, which was at that time known as the district of Port Phillip, and it disclosed that the band of first arrivals consisted of 142 males and 35 females of European origin.

At the census taken in 1838 it was ascertained that the number of inhabitants had increased to 3,511. During each of the years 1840 and 1841 the population increased by 100 per cent., owing principally to the number of assisted immigrants who arrived in the district, and it continued to increase to the end of 1850.

The discovery of gold in 1851 (the year of separation from New South Wales) was the greatest influence in populating Victoria, the numbers increasing from 77,345 at the census in 1851 to 538,628 in 1861, a gain of 596 per cent. In the next ten years the natural increase (excess of births over deaths) was the main factor in the growth of population. From the end of 1870 the population advanced steadily to 1,133,728 at the end of 1890, the increase being 409,803 (natural increase 307,246—gain from migration 102,557). The latter portion of this period was known as the "Land Boom" period, which was followed by the inevitable reaction.

Between 1891 and 1905 the population of the State advanced very slowly, the total increase in this period being 76,693. The gain by natural increase—247,078—was offset by the loss from migration—170,385—the discovery of gold in Western Australia being the principal cause of migration from Victoria in the period. A steady annual increase was maintained from 1905 to the end of 1927 (exclusive of the years relating to the War), the population increasing from 1,210,421 to 1,741,832.

During the period 1928–1938 the population of the State increased slowly, the lowest annual increase for the period being recorded in the year 1935. The rate of natural increase dropped considerably and, in seven years of the period, a loss from migration was experienced. The world-wide depression of 1929–1933 had its effect on the population of the State. The population at the end of 1938 was 1,871,099

During the period of the second World War (1939-1945) the population of Victoria increased by 144,088. There was a considerable increase from migration during the early part of the period, due to war conditions. In each of the years 1946 and 1947 the increase in the population was due to natural increase, a loss being experienced by migration in both years. In 1948 a substantial gain by natural increase and by migration was recorded. This was followed by further substantial increases by both natural increase and migration in each of the years 1949 and 1950, the gain from migration in 1950 being the highest on record, excluding the return of troops from overseas after the first World War. The population of Victoria increased by 66,925 (natural increase 27,489—migration 39,436) in 1950.

The estimated population of Victoria at the end of 1950 was 2,231,256.

VICTORIA—ESTIMATED POPULATION, 1836 TO 1950.

Year.	Estimated Population 31st December.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
1836 (25th May)	142	35	177
1836 (8th November)	186	38	224
1840	7,254	3,037	10,291
1850	45,495	30,667	76,162
1855	226,462	120,843	347,305
1860	330,302	207,932	538,234
1870	397,230	326,695	723,925
1880	450,558	408,047	858,605
1890	595,519	538,209	1,133,728
1900	601,773	594,440	1,196,213
1905	598,134	612,287	1,210,421
1906	600,856	618,976	1,219,832
1907	605,775	627,032	1,232,807
1908	614,937	635,512	1,250,449
1909	631,021	646,001	1,277,022
1910	646,482	654,926	1,301,408
1911	668,818	671,075	1,339,893

VICTORIA—ESTIMATED POPULATION, 1836 TO 1950—*continued*.

Year.					Estimated Population 31st December.		
					Males.	Females.	Total.
1912	..	..	..	..	690,056	692,497	1,382,553
1913	..	..	..	..	707,444	707,972	1,415,416
1914	..	..	..	..	713,307	721,881	1,435,188
1915	..	..	..	..	694,210	730,235	1,424,445
1916	..	..	..	..	666,245	738,418	1,404,663
1917	..	..	..	..	671,075	745,985	1,417,060
1918	..	..	..	..	684,243	753,002	1,437,245
1919	..	..	..	..	739,956	763,079	1,503,035
1920	..	..	..	..	753,803	774,106	1,527,909
1921	..	..	..	..	765,306	785,421	1,550,727
1922	..	..	..	..	789,517	800,756	1,590,273
1923	..	..	..	..	807,884	817,571	1,625,455
1924	..	..	..	..	825,919	831,232	1,657,151
1925	..	..	..	..	840,817	843,234	1,684,051
1926	..	..	..	..	855,035	856,952	1,711,987
1927	..	..	..	..	870,718	871,114	1,741,832
1928	..	..	..	..	879,478	882,268	1,761,746
1929	..	..	..	..	886,472	891,797	1,778,269
1930	..	..	..	..	892,422	900,183	1,792,605
1931	..	..	..	..	896,429	907,141	1,803,570
1932	..	..	..	..	900,663	912,724	1,813,387
1933	..	..	..	..	904,868	919,349	1,824,217
1934	..	..	..	..	909,806	926,854	1,836,660
1935	..	..	..	..	910,740	930,855	1,841,595
1936	..	..	..	..	913,959	935,648	1,849,607
1937	..	..	..	..	916,974	940,017	1,856,991
1938	..	..	..	..	924,034	947,065	1,871,099
1939	..	..	..	..	929,470	953,663	1,883,133
1940	..	..	..	..	947,037	967,881	1,914,918
1941	..	..	..	..	964,619	981,806	1,946,425
1942	..	..	..	..	970,729	991,829	1,962,558
1943	..	..	..	..	979,549	1,002,067	1,981,616
1944	..	..	..	..	986,889	1,011,065	1,997,954
1945	..	..	..	..	994,784	1,020,323	2,015,107
1946	..	..	..	..	1,006,395	1,033,374	2,039,769
1947	..	..	..	..	1,016,950	1,044,739	2,061,689
1948	..	..	..	..	1,040,640	1,065,675	2,106,315
1949	..	..	..	..	1,073,298	1,091,033	2,164,331
1950	..	..	..	..	1,116,962	1,114,294	2,231,256

NOTE—The figures from 1933 to 1946 inclusive have been adjusted in accordance with the final results of the Census of 30th June, 1947.

**Population,
1950.**

The elements of increase in the population of Victoria during 1950 are shown in the following table:—

**ESTIMATED POPULATION OF VICTORIA AT
31st DECEMBER, 1950.**

	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Estimated Population, 31st December, 1949 .. ..	..	..	1,073,298	1,091,033	2,164,331
Births, 1950	25,554	24,276	..	..	..
Deaths, 1950	11,781	10,560	..	..	..
Natural Increase .. ..	..	..	13,773	13,716	27,489
Migration by Sea, Rail and Air, 1950—					
Arrivals	330,802	212,063	..	..	..
Departures	300,911	202,518	..	..	..
Gain by Migration .. ..	..	..	29,891	9,545	39,436
Estimated Population, 31st December, 1950 .. ..	..	..	1,116,962	1,114,294	2,231,256

**Increase of
Population,
1860-1950.**

The table which follows shows, for each quinquennium from 1860, and for each year of the twenty years, 1931-1950, the natural increase of the population and the gain or loss by migration.

VICTORIA—INCREASE OF POPULATION BY EXCESS OF
BIRTHS OVER DEATHS, AND THE GAIN OR LOSS BY
MIGRATION, 1860-1950.

Period.	Increase During Period.			Increase Per Cent. During Period.		
	Natural.	Net Migration.	Total.	Natural.	Net Migration.	Total.
1860-64	69,249	7,682	76,931	13.29	1.47	14.76
1865-69	74,639	24,120	98,759	12.48	4.03	16.51
1870-74	81,902	7,444	89,346	11.75	1.07	12.82
1875-79	66,473	(-) 10,824	55,649	8.46	(-) 1.38	7.08
1880-84	72,332	21,683	94,020	8.59	2.58	11.17
1885-89	83,704	85,457	169,161	8.95	9.13	18.08
1890-94	100,292	(-) 23,075	77,217	9.08	(-) 2.09	6.99
1895-99	76,625	(-) 70,239	6,386	6.48	(-) 5.94	0.54
1900-04	74,296	(-) 57,229	17,067	6.25	(-) 4.81	1.44
1905-09	80,312	(-) 8,898	71,414	6.66	(-) 0.74	5.92
1910-14	93,975	64,191	158,166	7.36	5.03	12.39
1915-19	84,092	(-) 16,245	67,847	5.86	(-) 1.13	4.73
1920-24	98,235	55,881	154,116	6.53	3.72	10.25
1925-29	91,091	30,027	121,118	5.50	1.81	7.31
1930-34	61,242	(-) 2,851	58,391	3.44	(-) 0.16	3.28
1935-39	52,364	(-) 5,883	46,473	2.85	(-) 0.32	2.53
1940-44	76,250	47,527	114,821	4.05	2.53	6.10
1945-49	120,943	47,375	166,377	6.05	2.37	8.33
1931	13,299	(-) 2,334	10,965	0.74	(-) 0.13	0.61
1932	10,659	(-) 842	9,817	0.59	(-) 0.05	0.54
1933	10,936	(-) 106	10,830	0.61	(-) 0.01	0.60
1934	9,180	3,263	12,443	0.50	0.18	0.68
1935	9,423	(-) 4,493	4,935	0.51	(-) 0.24	0.27
1936	10,105	(-) 2,093	8,012	0.55	(-) 0.11	0.44
1937	11,118	(-) 3,734	7,384	0.60	(-) 0.20	0.40
1938	11,389	2,719	14,108	0.61	0.15	0.76
1939	10,324	1,718	12,034	0.55	0.09	0.64
1940	11,669	20,268	31,785	0.62	1.08	1.69
1941	13,981	18,898	31,507	0.73	0.99	1.65
1942	13,954	5,527	16,133	0.72	0.29	0.83
1943	17,790	3,789	19,058	0.91	0.19	0.97
1944	18,856	(-) 955	16,338	0.95	(-) 0.05	0.82
1945	20,704	(-) 1,812	17,153	1.04	(-) 0.09	0.86
1946	25,159	(-) 327	24,662	1.25	(-) 0.02	1.22
1947	25,924	(-) 3,972	21,920	1.27	(-) 0.20	1.07
1948	24,274	20,352	44,626	1.18	0.98	2.16
1949	24,882	33,134	58,016	1.18	1.57	2.75
1950	27,489	39,436	66,925	1.27	1.82	3.09

(-) Indicates excess of departures over arrivals, also a decrease.

NOTE.—Natural increase from September, 1939, to June, 1947, represents the excess of births over civilian deaths.

Net migration excludes troop movements from September, 1939, to June, 1947, and interstate migration from July, 1943, to June, 1947.

Total increase excludes troop movements from September, 1939, to June, 1947, and interstate migration from July, 1943, to June, 1947, but includes deaths of defence personnel, whether in Australia or overseas.

Migration.

The following table shows the recorded migration to and from Victoria during the year 1950 :—

VICTORIA—MIGRATION, 1950.

	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Migration by Sea, Rail and Air—						
Arrivals	330,802	212,063	542,865	..	..	..
Departures	300,911	202,518	503,429	..	..	..
Gain by Migration	..	..	..	29,891	9,545	39,436

The recorded interstate and overseas movement of people to and from Victoria, during 1950, is shown in the following table :—

Year.	Arrivals in Victoria.			Departures from Victoria.			Excess of Arrivals Over Departures.		
	Inter-state.	From Other Countries Direct.	Total.	Inter-state.	To Other Countries Direct.	Total.	Inter-state.	Other Countries Direct.	Total.
1950 ..	464,931	77,934	542,865	490,269	13,160	503,429	(-)25,338	64,774	39,436

(-) Indicates excess of departures over arrivals.

In 1950 the gain from migration was the highest on record. The increase in the population by migration was due entirely to the large gain by overseas migration, a loss being recorded by interstate migration. The volume of migration for the year was 1,046,294.

Interstate Migration, 1948-1950.

The following table shows the recorded interstate movement of population to and from Victoria during the period 1948 to 1950.

VICTORIA—INTERSTATE MIGRATION, 1948-1950.

Year.	Arrivals.	Departures.	Excess of Arrivals over Departures.
1948	436,647	430,952	5,695
1949	439,131	464,674	(-) 25,543
1950	464,931	490,269	(-) 25,338

(-) Indicates excess of departures over arrivals.

Oversea
Migration,
1950.

The overseas migration between Victoria, and British and foreign countries for the year 1950 is shown in the following table :—

VICTORIA—OVERSEA MIGRATION, 1950.

Place of Departure or Destination. (a)	Arrivals from During—					Departures to During—				
	March Quarter.	June Quarter.	September Quarter.	December Quarter.	Total.	March Quarter.	June Quarter.	September Quarter.	December Quarter.	Total.
British—										
United Kingdom	5,000	4,515	4,154	5,042	18,711	1,293	1,392	1,330	1,387	5,402
Canada	8	3	7	7	25	13	5	22	4	44
Fiji	24	2	..	3	29	2	1	6	..	9
Hong Kong	2	2	10	2	16	26	9	..	7	42
India, Ceylon, and Pakistan ..	131	131	88	192	542	114	47	17	64	242
Malaya	39	11	12	..	62	34	15	11	13	73
New Guinea (British) .. ..	..	1	..	9	10	6	13	..	1	20
New Zealand	107	171	161	151	590	107	68	28	85	288
Papua	1	..	5	1	7	2	..	..	3	5
Solomon Islands .. ..	..	..	..	12	12	..	..	..	..	..
Union of South Africa ..	102	60	68	83	313	36	50	109	62	257
Other British Countries ..	1,071	1,009	735	346	3,161	118	140	144	169	571
Total British Countries	6,485	5,905	5,240	5,848	23,478	1,751	1,740	1,667	1,795	6,953

Population.

a) According to country of last permanent residence (arrivals) or future permanent residence (departures).

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Place of Departure or Destination. (a)	Arrivals from During—					Departures to During—				
	March Quarter.	June Quarter.	September Quarter.	December Quarter.	Total	March Quarter.	June Quarter.	September Quarter.	December Quarter.	Total.
Foreign—										
Austria	1,444	258	364	664	2,730	1	4	1	3	9
Czechoslovakia	447	9	1	1	458	..	2	..	..	2
Denmark	22	12	23	338	395	3	8	2	1	14
Egypt	242	120	138	105	605	6	2	12	8	28
Germany	6,609	8,849	5,479	6,877	27,814	2	5	6	2	15
Greece	222	216	179	127	744	13	36	3	..	52
Italy	2,342	2,068	1,887	2,325	8,622	33	88	58	36	215
Netherlands	1,124	963	465	587	3,139	10	17	10	19	56
Poland	1,123	22	13	7	1,165	..	..	1	..	1
United States of America ..	22	29	13	17	81	43	35	28	30	136
Yugoslavia	331	1	6	13	351	..	..	..	1	1
Other Foreign Countries ..	1,576	369	384	916	3,245	77	86	57	56	276
Total Foreign Countries	15,504	12,916	8,952	11,977	49,349	188	283	178	156	805
Australia (b)	890	725	1,132	2,360	5,107	1,782	2,377	546	697	5,402
Grand Total	22,879	19,546	15,324	20,185	77,934	3,721	4,400	2,391	2,648	13,160

(a) According to country of last permanent residence (arrivals) or future permanent residence (departures). (b) Australian residents returning or temporarily departing.

Oversea
Migration,
1950.

The following table gives the oversea migration by sea and air for the year 1950 :—

VICTORIA—OVERSEA MIGRATION BY SEA AND AIR, 1950.

					Arrivals.	Departures.
Sea	..	..	..	..	77,861	13,160
Air	..	..	..	..	73	—
Total	..	..	..	..	77,934	13,160

Oversea
Migration,
1948-1950.

The following table shows the oversea migration for the period 1948 to 1950 :—

VICTORIA—OVERSEA MIGRATION, 1948-1950.

Year.	Arrivals.	Departures.	Excess of Arrivals over Departures.
1948	22,751	8,094	14,657
1949	69,612	10,935	58,677
1950	77,934	13,160	64,774

Classification
of Migrants.

The following table shows the oversea migration for 1950, classified according to permanent and temporary migrants :—

OVERSEA MIGRATION, 1950.

	Arrivals.				Departures.			
	Perma- nent New Arrivals.	Aus- tralian Residents Returning from Abroad.	Visitors.	Total.	Aus- tralian Residents Departing Perma- nently.	Aus- tralian Residents Departing Tem- porarily.	Visitors.	Total.
Victoria..	70,269	5,107	2,558	77,934	4,956	5,402	2,802	13,160
Common- wealth	174,540	32,172	43,692	250,404	20,855	31,413	45,631	97,899

The following statement shows the nationalities of the permanent new arrivals in Victoria (State of disembarkation) during the year 1950 :—

VICTORIA—NATIONALITY OF PERMANENT NEW ARRIVALS,
1950.

Nationality.	Arrivals.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
British	12,652	9,001	21,653
American (U.S.)	29	16	45
Albanian	30	16	46
Austrian	72	78	150
Belgian	39	28	67
Bulgar	149	42	191
Czecho-Slovak	2,045	620	2,665
Danish	20	23	43
Dutch	1,891	1,060	2,951
Estonian	312	304	616
French	84	74	158
Finnish	27	15	42
German	231	541	772
Greek	516	349	865
Hungarian	1,482	814	2,296
Israelite	19	12	31
Italian	5,125	1,783	6,908
Latvian	1,526	1,433	2,959
Lebanese	155	67	222
Lithuanian	419	366	785
Norwegian	22	25	47
Polish*	9,016	6,649	15,665
Portuguese	7	2	9
Rumanian	309	176	485
Russian†	430	343	773
Ukrainian	1,396	1,070	2,466
Spanish	22	5	27
Swedish	30	18	48
Swiss	74	115	189
Syrian	1	..	1
Yugo-Slav	3,332	2,072	5,404
Other‡	914	776	1,690
Total	42,376	27,893	70,269

* Includes "Stateless Pole".

† Includes "Stateless Russian".

‡ Includes "Stateless" so described.

Assisted immigration.

The Migration Scheme in operation prior to the war ceased on the outbreak of war. During the war assisted immigration was discontinued, except in cases of close family reunion involving wives and dependent children, and other special cases having exceptional features, for which special approval was required.

Two new agreements were signed between the Commonwealth and United Kingdom Governments on the 5th March, 1946, the first for the granting of free passages from the British Isles to British ex-Service personnel, and their wives and children, who wish to come here, and are accepted as suitable for settlement in this country; and the second for the granting of assisted passages from the United Kingdom to British civilians not eligible under the free passage scheme.

The number of British immigrants received into Victoria under the free and assisted passage schemes during the year 1950 was 10,794 (males 6,043—females 4,751).

The number of persons of British origin who have been assisted to come to Victoria from the date of the first settlement to the end of 1950 will be found in the next table:—

VICTORIA—ASSISTED IMMIGRATION, 1838 TO 1950.

Period.	Assisted Immigrants.			Period.	Assisted Immigrants.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.		Males.	Females.	Total.
1838-50 ..	14,864	13,768	28,632	1936 ..	..	2	2
1851-60 ..	33,235	54,726	87,961	1937 ..	30	3	33
1861-70 ..	18,029	28,565	46,594	1938 ..	82	97	179
1871-80 ..	2,509	3,036	5,545	1939 ..	269	275	544
1881-90 ..	..	2	2	1940 ..	5	15	20
1891-00 ..	..	..	..	1941 ..	..	2	2
1901-10 ..	1,695	1,134	2,829	1942 ..	..	..	..
1911-20 ..	25,910	20,816	46,726	1943 ..	..	..	..
1921-30 ..	41,066	24,534	65,600	1944 ..	..	..	..
1931 ..	11	34	45	1945 ..	..	..	..
1932 ..	1	2	3	1946 ..	..	..	..
1933 ..	..	3	3	1947 ..	293	315	608
1934 ..	1	3	4	1948 ..	2,629	2,168	4,797
1935 ..	..	..	..	1949 ..	5,797	4,650	10,447
				1950 ..	6,043	4,751	10,794

Population of Greater Melbourne.

For many years the population of Greater Melbourne was estimated as that contained in an area within a radius of ten miles from the Elizabeth-street Post Office. To conform to the growth of the urban population in certain

directions, the metropolitan area was redefined in 1929, and again in 1947. The municipalities included in this area and the population of each are as under:—

POPULATION, ETC., OF GREATER MELBOURNE AT
CENSUS OF 30TH JUNE, 1947, AND (ESTIMATED) AT
31ST DECEMBER, 1950.

Municipal District.	Area in Acres.	Enumerated Population at the Census of 30th June, 1947.	Estimated Population, 31st December, 1950.	Persons to the Acre, 31st December, 1950.
Box Hill City	5,120	21,373	27,400	5·4
Braybrook Shire (excluding Western Riding)	7,610	14,289	21,300*	2·8
Brighton City	3,332	39,769	42,300	12·7
Broadmeadows Shire (Broadmeadows and Campbellfield Ridings only)	33,110	8,004	13,000*	0·4
Brunswick City	2,719	57,529	58,800	21·6
Camberwell City	8,851	76,125	85,900	9·7
Caulfield City	5,414	79,913	83,500	15·4
Chelsea City	3,040	12,049	14,100	4·6
Coburg City	4,800	49,597	56,900*	11·9
Collingwood City	1,181	29,758	29,400	24·9
Essendon City	4,000	55,396	57,800	14·5
Fitzroy City	923	32,380	32,300	35·0
Footscray City	4,491	53,459	55,600	12·4
Hawthorn City	2,400	40,464	40,800	17·0
Heidelberg City (excluding Greensborough Ward)	9,440	34,401	42,400	4·5
Keilor Shire (Doutta Galla Riding only)	7,150	2,025	2,700	0·4
Kew City	3,522	30,859	32,500	9·2
Malvern City	3,960	49,114	50,000	12·6
Melbourne City	7,767	99,861	101,200*	13·0
Moorabbin City	12,320	29,236	43,400	3·5
Mordialloc City	3,351	14,513	17,100	5·1
Mulgrave Shire	15,451	4,770	6,100	0·4
Northcote City	2,850	44,947	46,300	16·2
Nunawading City	9,920	10,774	13,500	1·4
Oakleigh City	3,527	15,979	19,100	5·4
Port Melbourne City	2,625	14,205	14,100*	5·4
Prahran City	2,320	59,882	60,500	26·1
Preston City	8,800	46,775	53,000	6·0
Richmond City	1,502	39,390	38,400	25·6
Ringwood Borough	5,626	4,897	6,800	1·2
Sandringham City	3,740	26,435	30,300	8·1
South Melbourne City	2,224	43,452	43,700	19·6
St. Kilda City	2,049	58,318	58,700	28·6
Williamstown City	3,390	26,471	27,500	8·1
Total	198,525	1,226,409	1,326,400	6·7

* Includes migrant workers living in hostels.

Density of metropolitan population. Fitzroy is the most thickly populated municipality, with 35·0 persons to the acre; St. Kilda has 28·6; Prahran, 26·1; Richmond, 25·6; Collingwood, 24·9; Brunswick, 21·6; South Melbourne, 19·6; and Melbourne City, 13·0.

Population of cities, principal towns and boroughs outside Greater Melbourne. Outside the boundaries of Greater Melbourne the chief centres of population in Victoria are the cities of Ballaarat, Bendigo, and Geelong. The particulars relating to these cities are exclusive of the urban populations in contiguous shires. The populations of cities, principal towns and boroughs are given in the following table:—

VICTORIA—POPULATIONS OF CITIES, PRINCIPAL TOWNS AND BOROUGHS OUTSIDE GREATER MELBOURNE, AT CENSUS OF 30TH JUNE, 1947, AND (ESTIMATED) AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1950.

Locality.	Enumerated Population at the Census of 30th June, 1947.	Estimated Population, 31st December, 1950.	Locality.	Enumerated Population at the Census of 30th June, 1947.	Estimated Population, 31st December, 1950.
Cities—			Towns—		
Ararat ..	5,957	6,620	Castlemaine	5,809	6,000
Ballaarat* ..	40,181	42,050	Colac ..	6,381	7,150
Bendigo† ..	30,779	32,000	Boroughs—		
Geelong‡ ..	44,561	47,100	Benalla ..	..	5,300
Hamilton ..	7,180	7,700	Echuca ..	4,490	4,900
Horsham ..	6,388	7,050	Maryborough	6,198	6,600
Mildura ..	9,527	10,500	Stawell ..	4,840	5,200
Sale ..	5,119	5,600	Swan Hill ..	4,305	4,710
Shepparton ..	7,914	9,600	Wangaratta	6,670	8,410
Warrnambool	9,993	10,600	Wonthaggi	4,225	4,300

* Includes municipalities of Ballaarat and Sebastopol.

† Includes municipalities of Bendigo and Eaglehawk.

‡ Includes municipalities of Geelong, Geelong West, and Newtown and Chilwell.

NOTE.—Ararat declared a city on 16th May, 1950.

Benalla created a borough on 1st September, 1948.

Castlemaine declared a town on 30th January 1950.

Hamilton declared a city on 22nd November, 1949.

Horsham declared a city on 24th May, 1949.

Sale declared a city on 31st May, 1950.

Shepparton declared a city on 15th March, 1949.

The population of Greater Melbourne increased from 139,916 at the census of 1861 to 1,326,400 at 31st December, 1950. In the same period the population of the remainder of the State increased from 398,712 to 904,856. During only one intercensal period—1891-1901—was the percentage increase greater in the country than in the metropolis. There was little increase in the population of Greater Melbourne in this period, due to the severe industrial depression which prevailed in Victoria during the eight years 1892 to 1899. With the decline in the gold-mining industry, the rate of increase in the country areas diminished until, at the beginning of the present century, the rural population became almost stationary. Between 1901 and 1933, the population of Greater Melbourne increased by 495,855: in the same period the population of the remainder of the State increased by 123,336. The closing years of the period were years of world wide depression, during which Melbourne lost population, to a slight degree, to the rural districts of the State. Following the depression, the population of Greater Melbourne increased steadily until the outbreak of war in 1939. In the war years which followed there was a considerable increase in the population of the metropolitan area, due partly to migration from the rural areas of the State. In 1946, the country areas showed a substantial increase in population. The enlargement of the area of Greater Melbourne in 1947 resulted in a loss to the country areas of approximately 30,000 persons. In each of the years 1948, 1949, and 1950 oversea migration had a pronounced effect on the increase in the population. The large gain by oversea migration was the main factor in the increase of population in Victoria in 1950. In the table hereunder are given the population of Victoria, Greater Melbourne, and the remainder of the State at each census since 1861, and at the end of each year since 1947.

**POPULATION OF VICTORIA, GREATER MELBOURNE,
AND REMAINDER OF THE STATE, 1861-1950.**

(a) Census. (b) At 31st December (estimated).					Population at each Date.		
					Victoria.	Greater Melbourne.	Remainder of State.
(a)							
1861	..	..	..	..	538,628	139,916	398,712
1871	..	..	..	..	730,198	206,780	523,418
1881	..	..	..	..	861,566	282,947	578,619
1891	..	..	..	..	1,140,088	490,896	649,192
1901	..	..	..	..	1,201,070	496,079	704,991
1911	..	..	..	..	1,315,551	593,237	722,314
1921	..	..	..	..	1,531,280	782,979	748,301
1933	..	..	..	..	1,820,261	991,934	828,327
1947 (30th June)	..	..	..	..	2,054,701	1,226,409	828,292
(b)							
1947	..	..	..	..	2,061,689	1,232,000	829,689
1948	..	..	..	..	2,106,315	1,259,000	847,315
1949	..	..	..	..	2,164,331	1,290,400	873,931
1950	..	..	..	..	2,231,256	1,326,400	904,856

Population of Australian States and of New Zealand. In the following table is given the estimated population of each Australian State and of New Zealand at 31st December, 1950.

**POPULATIONS OF AUSTRALIAN STATES AND TERRITORIES
AND OF NEW ZEALAND AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1950.**

State.	Area in Square Miles.	Estimated Population at 31st December, 1950.	Persons to the Square Mile.	Proportion in Each State or Territory.
				%
Victoria	87,884	2,231,256	25·39	26·83
New South Wales .. .	309,433	3,278,026	10·59	39·42
Queensland .. .	670,500	1,191,245	1·78	14·33
South Australia .. .	380,070	712,010	1·87	8·56
Western Australia .. .	975,920	573,671	0·59	6·90
Tasmania .. .	26,215	294,397	11·23	3·54
Territories—				
Northern .. .	523,620	15,132	0·03	0·18
Australian Capital .. .	939*	20,054	21·36	0·24
Australia .. .	2,974,581	8,315,791	2·80	100·00
New Zealand .. .	103,416†	1,927,629‡	18·64	..

* Includes Jervis Bay. † Excluding approximately 523 square miles, the areas of outlying and annexed islands. ‡ Includes 114,683 Maoris.

Population of
Australian
States and of
New Zealand,
1881 to 1947.

In the following table is given the census population of each Australian State and of New Zealand from 1881 to 1947:—

CENSUS POPULATIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN STATES AND TERRITORIES AND OF NEW ZEALAND.

	Enumerated Population at the Census of—						
	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1933.	1947.
States—							
Victoria	861,566	1,140,088	1,201,070	1,315,551	1,531,280	1,820,261	2,054,701
New South Wales	749,825	1,123,954	1,354,846	1,646,734	2,100,371	2,600,847	2,984,838
Queensland	213,525	393,718	498,129	605,813	755,972	947,534	1,106,415
South Australia	276,414	315,533	358,346	408,558	495,160	580,949	646,073
Western Australia	29,798	49,782	184,124	282,114	332,732	438,852	502,480
Tasmania	115,705	146,667	172,475	191,211	213,780	227,599	257,078
Territories—							
Northern	3,451	4,898	4,811	3,310	3,867	4,850	10,868
Australian Capital .. ..	..	..	..	1,714*	2,572	8,947	16,905
Australia	2,250,194	3,174,640	3,773,801	4,455,005	5,435,734	6,629,839	7,579,358
New Zealand—							
Excluding Maoris	487,889	624,455	770,304	1,005,585	1,214,677	1,491,484†	1,603,554‡
Including Maoris	534,030	668,632	815,853	1,058,308	1,271,664	1,573,810†	1,702,298‡

* Part of New South Wales prior to 1911.

† Census of 1936.

‡ Census of 1945.

The enumerated populations of Australian capital cities at each census, 1901-1947, and the estimated populations at the 31st December, 1950, are shown in the following table:—

POPULATIONS OF AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL CITIES,
1901 TO 1950.

—	Area in Acres.	Enumerated Population at Census of—					Estimated Population, 31st December, 1950.	Persons to the Acre.
		1901.	1911.	1921.	1933.	1947.		
Melbourne	198,525	496,079	593,237	782,979	991,934	1,226,409	1,326,400	6.7
Sydney ..	157,328	481,830	629,503	899,059	1,235,267	1,484,004	1,584,830	10.1
Brisbane	246,400	119,428	139,480	209,946	299,748	402,030	444,650	1.8
Adelaide	102,987	162,261	189,646	255,375	312,619	382,454	422,000	4.1
Perth ..	122,304	66,832	106,792	154,873	207,440	272,528	309,000	2.5
Hobart ..	..	34,604	39,937	52,361	60,406	76,534	82,600*	..

* 30th June, 1950.

The estimated population of Canberra at 30th June, 1950, was 19,000.

At 31st December, 1950, approximately 50 per cent. of the population of Australia was concentrated in the capital cities of the six States.

Sydney has been the most populous city in Australia since 1902.

Increase of population in census periods.

The enumerated population at each census since 1861, and the numerical and percentage increase during each census period, are shown in the following table:—

POPULATION OF VICTORIA, 1861-1947.

Year of Census.	Both Sexes.			Males.			Females.		
	Population.	Increase in Census Period.		Population.	Increase in Census Period.		Population.	Increase in Census Period.	
		Numerical.	Percentage.		Numerical.	Percentage.		Numerical.	Percentage.
1861	538,628	461,283*	596.40*	327,605	281,403*	609.07*	211,023	179,880*	577.59*
1871	730,198	191,570	35.57	400,266	72,661	22.18	329,932	118,909	56.35
1881	861,566	131,368	17.99	451,623	51,357	12.83	409,943	80,011	24.25
1891	1,140,088	278,522	32.33	598,222	146,599	32.46	541,866	131,923	32.18
1901	1,201,070	60,982	5.35	603,720	5,498	0.92	597,350	55,484	10.24
1911	1,315,551	114,481	9.53	655,591	51,871	8.59	659,960	62,610	10.48
1921	1,531,280	215,729	16.40	754,724	99,133	15.12	776,556	116,596	17.67
1933	1,820,261	288,981	18.87	903,244	148,520	19.68	917,017	140,461	18.09
1947	2,054,701	234,440	12.88	1,013,867	110,623	12.25	1,040,834	123,817	13.50

* Since 1851.

**Masculinity
of the
Population.**

The ratio of males to females, at each census from 1861 to 1947, was as follows:—

Census.								Males to 100 Females.
1861	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	155·25
1871	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	121·32
1881	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	110·17
1891	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	110·40
1901	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	101·07
1911	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	99·34
1921	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	97·19
1933	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	98·50
1947	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	97·41

**Aborigines in
Victoria.**

Prior to the first white settlements in what is now the State of Victoria, aborigines were not present in large numbers. It is known that infanticide was practised, and that numbers were further reduced by tribal wars. Estimates of those present in 1835 were made by men who obtained early knowledge of the natives and others who at a later date examined all the evidence on the subject. These estimates varied from 5,000 to 15,000.

After 1835 infanticide and tribal wars continued, but further mortality arose from the white man's infectious diseases and habits, and from disturbance of the natives' way of life. During the years following 1835 the aboriginal population decreased and at the date of separation of the Port Phillip district from New South Wales, the number had become comparatively small.

Few killings of natives by white men, and white men by natives, were recorded. These appear to have been, in the main, isolated incidents.

The estimated number in Victoria as at the 30th June, 1950, was 862 of whom 25 were full-blood and 837 were of mixed blood.

**VICTORIA—NUMBER OF ABORIGINES UNDER CARE
AT STATIONS, 1949-50.**

Station.					Aborigines.	Mixed Bloods.	Total.
Lake Tyers	..	..	..	..	7	202	209
Framlingham	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
In Institutions	..	..	..	..	3	5	8
Total	..	..	..	..	10	207	217

As will be seen from the above figures, the aborigines under the care of the Board for the Protection of the Aborigines are concentrated at the Lake Tyers Aboriginal Station, which is situated in East Gippsland. This Station is under the control of a resident manager. The reserve at Framlingham is under the control of the local police officer, who is appointed as Local Guardian. During the year the former Lake Condah Reserve was taken over for soldier settlement.

In addition to the number under the care of the Board for the Protection of the Aborigines in Victoria, it is estimated that there are 15 full-bloods and 630 mixed bloods at Antwerp, Bruthen, Echuca, Framlingham, Colac, Dimboola, Lake Condah, Healesville, Mooroopna, Orbost, Lakes Entrance, Shepparton, and Swan Hill, and, of this number, approximately 350 are in regular employment.

During the year 1949-50, 13 mixed bloods were born, and 2 mixed bloods died at Lake Tyers.

The amount expended on the care and maintenance of the aborigines during the year was £6,420. At the Treasury is kept a Trust Fund known as the Aborigines Board Produce Fund, into which receipts from the sale of timber and produce, leasing of reserves, &c., are paid. The amount to the credit of this fund on the 30th June, 1950, was £7,910.

Naturalization. The *Nationality and Citizenship Act* 1948 commenced on Australia Day (26th January), 1949, and repealed all previous Commonwealth legislation on this subject.

The number of persons naturalized in Victoria in the year 1950 was 346. They were of various nationalities, 27 per cent. being of Italian origin. During the 80 years, 1871 to 1950 inclusive, 28,727 persons were naturalized. The following table shows the birthplaces of persons naturalized in Victoria during the five years 1946-1950.

VICTORIA—BIRTHPLACES OF PERSONS NATURALIZED, 1946-50.

Birthplace.	Numbers Naturalized in each Year.					Total Naturalized, 1946 to 1950.
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.	
Albania	90	27	27	11	5	160
Austria	161	40	53	21	11	286
Czechoslovakia ..	50	13	18	11	15	107
Denmark	9	4	7	8	3	31
Finland	10	3	8	4	4	29
France	2	2	3	3	2	12
Germany	505	124	87	78	52	846
Greece	197	98	84	70	39	488
Holland	6	7	5	9	16	43
Italy	1,029	371	277	189	95	1,961
Norway	11	5	6	5	5	32
Poland	292	84	61	51	61	549
Russia	36	13	9	9	4	71
Sweden	5	1	4	6	3	19
Switzerland ..	13	..	7	5	3	28
Yugoslavia ..	24	8	6	10	7	55
Other European Countries	69	22	20	28	8	147
United States ..	7	7	5	8	4	31
Australia	1*	4*	..	..	..	5*
Other Countries ..	34	17	47	19	9	126
Total	2,551	850	734	545	346	5,026

* Australian born women who previously acquired foreign nationality on their marriage to enemy aliens.

CENSUS OF 1947.

The last census of Australia was taken on the 30th June, 1947.

The following is a summary of the population in Local Government Areas in Victoria as at that Census.

VICTORIA—POPULATION—CENSUS OF 1947.

	Males.	Females.	Persons.
Municipalities in Greater Melbourne ..	588,540	637,869	1,226,409
Municipalities outside Greater Melbourne—			
Cities	58,549	64,263	122,812
Towns	16,756	17,946	34,702
Boroughs	35,877	38,052	73,929
Shires	310,957	281,899	592,856
Not Incorporated	95	47	142
Migratory	3,093	758	3,851
Total Victoria	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701

Population
in each
Statistical
District.

The enumerated populations of the statistical districts of Victoria at the Census on 30th June, 1947, are shown in the following table:—

ENUMERATED POPULATIONS OF THE STATISTICAL DISTRICTS OF VICTORIA AT THE CENSUS ON 30TH JUNE, 1947.

Statistical District.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
1. Metropolitan	588,540	637,869	1,226,409
2. Central	117,086	112,890	229,976
3. North-central	27,795	26,985	54,780
4. Western	79,810	79,558	159,368
5. Wimmera	27,359	26,812	54,171
6. Mallee	28,022	24,748	52,770
7. Northern	61,747	59,927	121,674
8. North-eastern	31,567	28,593	60,160
9. Gippsland	48,753	42,647	91,400
Not Incorporated	95	47	142
Migratory	3,093	758	3,851
Total	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701

NOTE.—The districts in the above table are based on local government areas, and are similar to those used in the compilation of Vital Statistics.

**Ages of the
Population,
1933 and
1947.**

The next table shows the change which has taken place in the age constitution of the population of Victoria since 1933 :—

**VICTORIA—AGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE POPULATION AT CENSUSES OF
1933 AND 1947.**

Age Last Birthday (Years).	Census, 1933.			Census, 1947.			Increase of Persons, 1933 to 1947.
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
0-4	73,752	70,839	144,591	100,830	96,409	197,239	52,648
5-9	83,771	80,300	164,071	78,593	75,518	154,111	— 9,960
10-14	83,290	80,398	163,688	68,738	66,655	135,393	— 28,295
15-19	80,885	79,599	160,484	76,109	74,676	150,785	— 9,699
20-24	77,666	76,955	154,621	81,463	83,101	164,564	9,943
25-29	73,964	71,320	145,284	78,088	80,126	158,214	12,930
30-34	69,345	68,060	137,405	78,356	80,694	159,050	21,645
35-39	63,459	68,678	132,137	75,538	74,986	150,524	18,387
40-44	62,029	65,782	127,811	70,859	67,334	138,193	10,382
45-49	54,005	56,262	110,267	65,905	66,040	131,945	21,678
50-54	45,003	47,146	92,149	58,447	63,440	121,896	29,747
55-59	36,123	39,172	75,295	53,797	57,352	111,149	35,854
60-64	33,033	37,328	70,361	41,767	46,901	88,668	18,307
65 and over ..	64,283	72,737	137,020	79,243	101,252	180,495	43,475
Not stated ..	2,636	2,441	5,077	6,134	6,341	12,475	7,398
Total ..	903,244	917,017	1,820,261	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701	234,440
Under 21 ..	337,817	327,106	664,923	339,679	329,308	668,987	4,064
21-64 ..	498,508	514,733	1,013,241	588,811	603,933	1,192,744	179,503
65 and over ..	64,283	72,737	137,020	79,243	101,252	180,495	43,475
Not stated ..	2,636	2,441	5,077	6,134	6,341	12,475	7,398
Total ..	903,244	917,017	1,820,261	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701	234,440

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes decrease.

Numerical and percentage increases of the population in selected age-groups since 1933 are contrasted in the following table with corresponding increases from 1921 to 1933.

**VICTORIA—INCREASE OF POPULATION IN AGE-GROUPS. CENSUSES, 1921
TO 1947.**

Age Group (Years).	Census, 1921.	Increase, 1921-1933.		Increase, 1933-1947.	
	Persons.	Numerical.	Percentage.	Numerical.	Percentage.
Under 21	613,454	51,469	8·4	4,064	0·6
21-64	842,089	171,152	20·3	179,503	17·7
65 and over	73,069	63,951	87·5	43,475	31·7
Not stated	2,668	2,409	..	7,398	..
Total	1,531,280	288,981	18·9	234,440	12·9

Conjugal Condition. The following table shows the population of Victoria classified according to conjugal condition :—
1933 and 1947.

**VICTORIA—CONJUGAL CONDITION OF POPULATION AT CENSUSES OF
1933 AND 1947.**

Conjugal Condition.	Census, 1933.			Census, 1947.		
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
Never Married— Under fifteen years of age	240,813	231,537	472,350	248,161	238,582	486,743
Fifteen years of age and over.. ..	272,048	250,291	522,339	245,767	219,852	465,619
Total—Never Married	512,861	481,828	994,689	493,928	458,434	952,362
Married (a)	357,157	358,899	716,056	479,270	481,956	961,226
Widowed	27,479	71,210	98,689	31,793	90,164	121,957
Divorced	2,463	2,768	5,231	5,689	6,774	12,463
Not stated	3,284	2,312	5,596	3,187	3,506	6,693
Total	903,244	917,017	1,820,261	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701

(a) Includes persons permanently separated (legally or otherwise).

**Persons with
Dependent
Children,
1933 and 1947.**

The number of persons with dependent children under sixteen years of age and the total number of dependent children at censuses of 1933 and 1947 are shown in the following table :—

VICTORIA—PERSONS WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN UNDER SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE AT CENSUSES OF 1933 AND 1947.

Number of Dependent Children.	Census, 1933.				Census, 1947.			
	Number of Persons with Dependent Children.			Total Number of Dependent Children.	Number of Persons with Dependent Children.			Total Number of Dependent Children.
	Males.	Females.	Persons.		Males.	Females.	Persons.	
1.. ..	84,997	9,567	94,564	94,564	109,898	10,203	120,101	120,101
2.. ..	62,376	3,872	66,248	132,496	77,756	3,860	81,616	163,232
3.. ..	33,666	1,715	35,381	106,143	34,631	1,396	36,027	108,081
4.. ..	17,166	708	17,874	71,496	13,585	537	14,122	56,488
5.. ..	8,183	329	8,512	42,560	5,295	198	5,493	27,465
6.. ..	3,993	120	4,113	24,678	2,161	38	2,199	13,194
7.. ..	1,726	43	1,769	12,383	864	16	880	6,160
8.. ..	712	19	731	5,848	369	3	372	2,976
9.. ..	218	4	222	1,998	164	4	168	1,512
10.. ..	77	2	79	790	51	..	51	510
11.. ..	11	..	11	121	8	..	8	88
12.. ..	3	..	3	36	..	..	..	..
13.. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
14.. ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	14
Total ..	213,128	16,379	229,507	493,113	244,783	16,255	261,038	499,821

**Birthplace
of the
Population,
1947.**

The following table shows the birthplace of the population at the census of 1947 :—

VICTORIA—BIRTHPLACE OF THE POPULATION AT CENSUS OF 1947.

Birthplace.	Census, 1947.		
	Males.	Females.	Persons.
AUSTRALASIA—			
Australia	914,516	961,585	1,876,101
New Zealand	5,529	5,865	11,394
Other	83	102	185
Total, Australasia	920,128	967,552	1,887,680
EUROPE—			
British Isles	67,713	58,707	126,420
Albania	625	40	665
Austria	956	645	1,601
Czechoslovakia	284	201	485
Denmark	388	129	517
Estonia	57	29	86
France	216	313	529
Germany	2,667	1,640	4,307
Greece	2,140	608	2,748
Italy	5,624	2,681	8,305
Malta	500	102	602
Netherlands	463	162	625
Norway	417	74	491
Poland	2,229	1,803	4,032
Russia	713	580	1,293
Sweden	446	83	529
Yugoslavia	335	119	454
Other	1,241	760	2,001
Total, Europe	87,014	68,676	155,690
ASIA—			
British India and Ceylon	1,047	730	1,777
China	1,255	251	1,506
Hong Kong	90	69	159
Japan	60	36	96
Syria and Lebanon	113	104	217
Other	1,191	824	2,015
Total, Asia	3,756	2,014	5,770
AFRICA—			
Union of South Africa	870	845	1,715
Other	204	182	386
Total, Africa	1,074	1,027	2,101
AMERICA—			
Canada	488	410	898
United States	936	650	1,586
Other	186	176	362
Total, America	1,610	1,236	2,846
POLYNESIA—			
Fiji	105	122	227
Other	78	90	168
Total, Polynesia	183	212	395
AT SEA	102	117	219
Total	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701

Nationality of the Population, 1933 and 1947. The censuses of 1933 and 1947 show the nationality of the population as follows:—

**VICTORIA—NATIONALITY OF THE POPULATION AT
CENSUSES OF 1933 AND 1947.**

Nationality.	Census, 30th June, 1933.			Census, 30th June, 1947.		
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
BRITISH ..	892,523	914,006	1,806,529	1,005,324	1,037,770	2,043,094
FOREIGN—						
American (U.S.)	409	137	546	617	270	887
Austrian ..	82	32	114	193	116	309
Belgian ..	31	22	53	17	13	30
Bulgarian ..	31	5	36	11	..	11
Chinese ..	1,652	38	1,690	1,030	82	1,112
Czechoslovakian	101	17	118	78	43	121
Danish ..	209	46	255	79	20	99
Dutch ..	91	35	126	468	191	659
Estonian ..	43	22	65	15	5	20
Finnish ..	153	20	173	61	5	66
French ..	153	133	286	87	94	181
German ..	556	216	772	801	354	1,155
Greek ..	1,042	211	1,253	1,101	207	1,308
Hungarian ..	51	18	69	60	44	104
Italian ..	3,545	963	4,508	1,747	573	2,320
Japanese ..	188	28	216	29	4	33
Latvian ..	33	15	48	13	11	24
Lithuanian ..	16	9	25	3	6	9
Norwegian ..	257	28	285	155	23	178
Polish ..	578	481	1,059	575	480	1,055
Russian ..	278	213	491	57	36	93
Spanish ..	80	57	137	22	20	42
Swedish ..	303	34	337	140	14	154
Swiss ..	175	81	256	89	28	117
Turkish ..	6	2	8	7	8	15
Yugoslavian ..	216	29	245	128	25	153
Other ..	435	115	550	508	110	618
Stateless ..	..	..	..	452	282	734
Total, Foreign	10,714	3,007	13,721	8,543	3,064	11,607
NOT STATED ..	7	4	11	..	..	..
GRAND TOTAL	903,244	917,017	1,820,261	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701

Race, 1933 and 1947. In the following table is shown the number of people belonging to each race at the last two censuses:—

VICTORIA—RACE AT CENSUSES OF 1933 AND 1947.

Race.	Census, 30th June, 1933.			Census, 30th June, 1947.		
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
FULL-BLOOD—						
EUROPEAN ..	899,341	915,377	1,814,718	1,010,835	1,039,214	2,050,049
NON-EUROPEAN—						
Afghan ..	10	3	13	5	1	6
Arab ..	4	1	5	8	2	10
Asiatic Jew ..	38	25	63	40	20	60
Chinese ..	1,954	294	2,248	1,307	428	1,735
Cingalese ..	11	3	14	2	..	2
Filipino ..	36	..	36	2	..	2
Indian (a) ..	236	11	247	263	17	280
Japanese ..	195	35	230	41	21	62
Malay ..	5	..	5	20	7	27
Maori ..	6	3	9	8	2	10
Negro ..	11	1	12	20	1	21
Polynesian						
(Other) ..	1	..	1	..	1	1
Syrian ..	201	176	377	68	62	130
West Indian ..	4	2	6	3	2	5
Other ..	76	58	134	177	73	250
Total, Non-European Full-blood ..	2,788	612	3,400	1,964	637	2,601
HALF-CASTE—						
Afghan ..	12	5	17	4	..	4
Arab ..	..	2	2	..	..	..
Asiatic Jew ..	2	7	9	6	8	14
Australian Aboriginal ..	400	373	773	537	532	1,069
Chinese ..	536	466	1,002	383	322	705
Cingalese ..	3	9	12	2	4	6
Indian (a) ..	48	61	109	19	26	45
Japanese ..	9	8	17	20	17	37
Malay ..	2	2	4	4	2	6
Maori ..	3	6	9	6	2	8
Negro ..	23	11	34	11	4	15
Polynesian						
(Other) ..	3	1	4	2	2	4
Syrian ..	37	32	69	21	18	39
West Indian ..	2	4	6	1	1	2
Other ..	35	41	76	52	45	97
Total, Half-caste ..	1,115	1,028	2,143	1,068	983	2,051
GRAND TOTAL	903,244	917,017	1,820,261	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701

(a) Native of India.

Period of residence in Australia, 1933 and 1947. The next table shows the period of residence in Australia, at censuses of 1933 and 1947, of persons who were not born in Australia :—

VICTORIA—PERIOD OF RESIDENCE IN AUSTRALIA, AT CENSUSES OF 1933 AND 1947, OF PERSONS WHO WERE NOT BORN IN AUSTRALIA.

Number of Completed Years of Residence (Years).	Census, 1933.			Census, 1947.		
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
0	1,041	617	1,658	4,550	3,077	7,627
1	452	516	968	930	1,283	2,213
2	515	578	1,093	391	306	697
3	1,230	1,256	2,486	167	106	273
4	2,352	2,109	4,461	148	70	218
0-4	5,590	5,076	10,666	6,186	4,842	11,028
5-9	25,983	17,600	43,583	7,401	5,157	12,558
10-19	23,158	20,801	43,959	10,136	9,420	19,556
20-29	26,243	18,528	44,771	35,633	26,657	62,290
30-39	5,530	3,104	8,634	23,510	18,455	41,965
40-49	13,596	10,214	23,810	4,634	2,710	7,344
50 and over	12,118	12,674	24,792	9,228	9,437	18,665
Not stated	3,426	3,444	6,870	2,623	2,571	5,194
Born outside Australia	115,644	91,441	207,085	99,351	79,249	178,600
Born in Australia ..	787,600	825,576	1,613,176	914,516	961,585	1,876,101
Total	903,244	917,017	1,820,261	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701

Religion of the Population, 1933 and 1947. The following table shows the religion of the population at censuses of 1933 and 1947 :—

VICTORIA—RELIGION OF THE POPULATION AT CENSUSES OF 1933 AND 1947.

Religion.	Census, 1933.			Census, 1947.		
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
CHRISTIAN—						
Baptist	14,426	17,001	31,427	14,803	17,217	32,020
Brethren	758	1,063	1,821	1,125	1,459	2,584
Catholic, Greek	1,800	552	2,352	1,845	943	2,788
Catholic, Roman (a)	153,340	162,176	315,516	69,334	62,043	131,377
Catholic (a)	13,221	13,398	26,619	133,744	151,752	285,496
Church of Christ	11,994	14,280	26,274	13,746	15,976	29,722
Church of England	310,333	315,839	626,172	360,028	369,874	729,902
Christian Scientist	851	1,514	2,365	1,094	2,007	3,101
Congregational	5,595	6,863	12,458	5,058	6,316	11,374
Lutheran	4,683	4,076	8,759	5,244	4,758	10,002
Methodist	91,245	101,851	193,096	112,874	121,721	234,595
Presbyterian	134,961	141,738	276,699	139,628	148,755	288,383
Protestant, undefined	12,749	12,482	25,231	13,397	13,876	27,273
Salvation Army	3,872	4,839	8,711	5,060	5,924	10,984

VICTORIA—RELIGION OF THE POPULATION AT CENSUSES OF 1933
AND 1947—*continued.*

Religion.	Census, 1933.			Census, 1947.		
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
CHRISTIAN— <i>continued.</i>						
Seventh Day Adventist	1,025	1,550	2,575	1,298	1,978	3,276
Other	3,393	3,875	7,268	5,024	5,141	10,165
Total, Christian ..	764,246	803,097	1,567,343	883,302	929,740	1,813,042
NON-CHRISTIAN—						
Hebrew	4,898	4,602	9,500	7,696	7,214	14,910
Mohammedan	148	11	159	585	47	632
Other	301	105	406	310	83	393
Total, Non-Christian	5,347	4,718	10,065	8,591	7,344	15,935
Indefinite	1,358	1,183	2,541	2,547	2,281	4,828
No Religion	3,619	1,127	4,746	5,517	2,441	7,958
No Reply	128,674	106,892	235,566	113,910	99,028	212,938
Total	903,244	917,017	1,820,261	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701

(a) So described on individual Census schedules.

In the following table the male and female populations of Victoria are classified according to the industry in which they are usually engaged.

VICTORIA—INDUSTRY OF THE POPULATION, CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1947.

Industry.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
(a) Primary production—			
Agricultural, grazing, and dairying	106,289	6,733	113,022
Other	8,998	12	9,010
Total, Primary Production	115,287	6,745	122,032
(b) Mining and quarrying	4,308	102	4,410
(c) Manufacturing—			
Founding, engineering, and metalworking (including shipbuilding)	51,745	5,402	57,147
Manufacture, assembly, and repair of vehicles, parts and accessories	19,612	987	20,599
Manufacture of clothing	9,518	27,502	37,020
Manufacture of food and drink	26,265	5,989	32,254
Paper, printing, bookbinding and photography	14,263	4,521	18,784
Other	80,725	25,537	106,262
Total, Manufacturing	202,128	69,938	272,066
(d) Building and construction	58,429	363	58,792
(e) Transport and storage	56,199	3,832	60,031
(f) Communication	10,078	4,518	14,596
(g) Finance and property	15,604	6,027	21,631
(h) Commerce	80,798	35,063	115,861
(i) Public authority (N.E.I.) and professional activities	57,330	39,567	96,897
(j) Amusement, hotels, cafes, personal service, &c	26,742	34,399	61,141
(k) Other industries	24	19	43
(l) Industry inadequately described	24,234	5,831	30,065
(m) Industry not stated	23,437	11,040	34,477
(n) Persons not in work force	339,269	823,390	1,162,659
Grand Total	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701

**Occupational
Status of the
Population,
1933 and 1947.**

The following table shows the occupational status of the population at censuses of 1933 and 1947 :—

VICTORIA—OCCUPATIONAL STATUS OF THE POPULATION AT CENSUSES
OF 1933 AND 1947.

Occupational Status.	Census, 1933.			Census, 1947.		
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
In work force—						
At work—						
Employer	53,522	7,042	60,564	53,696	7,545	61,241
Self-employed	84,969	16,656	101,625	96,689	14,741	111,430
Employee (on wage or salary)	331,426	145,072	476,498	498,202	188,491	686,693
Helper (not on wage or salary)	12,347	1,913	14,260	7,356	1,138	8,494
Total	482,264	170,683	652,947	655,943	211,915	867,858
Not at work (a)	98,718	21,032	119,750	13,838	4,191	18,029
Total in work force..	580,982	191,715	772,697	669,781	216,106	885,887
Not in work force	321,036	725,023	1,046,059	339,269	823,390	1,162,659
Not stated	1,226	279	1,505	4,817	1,338	6,155
Total	903,244	917,017	1,820,261	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701

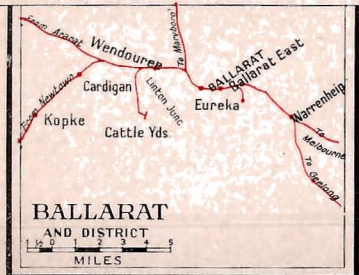
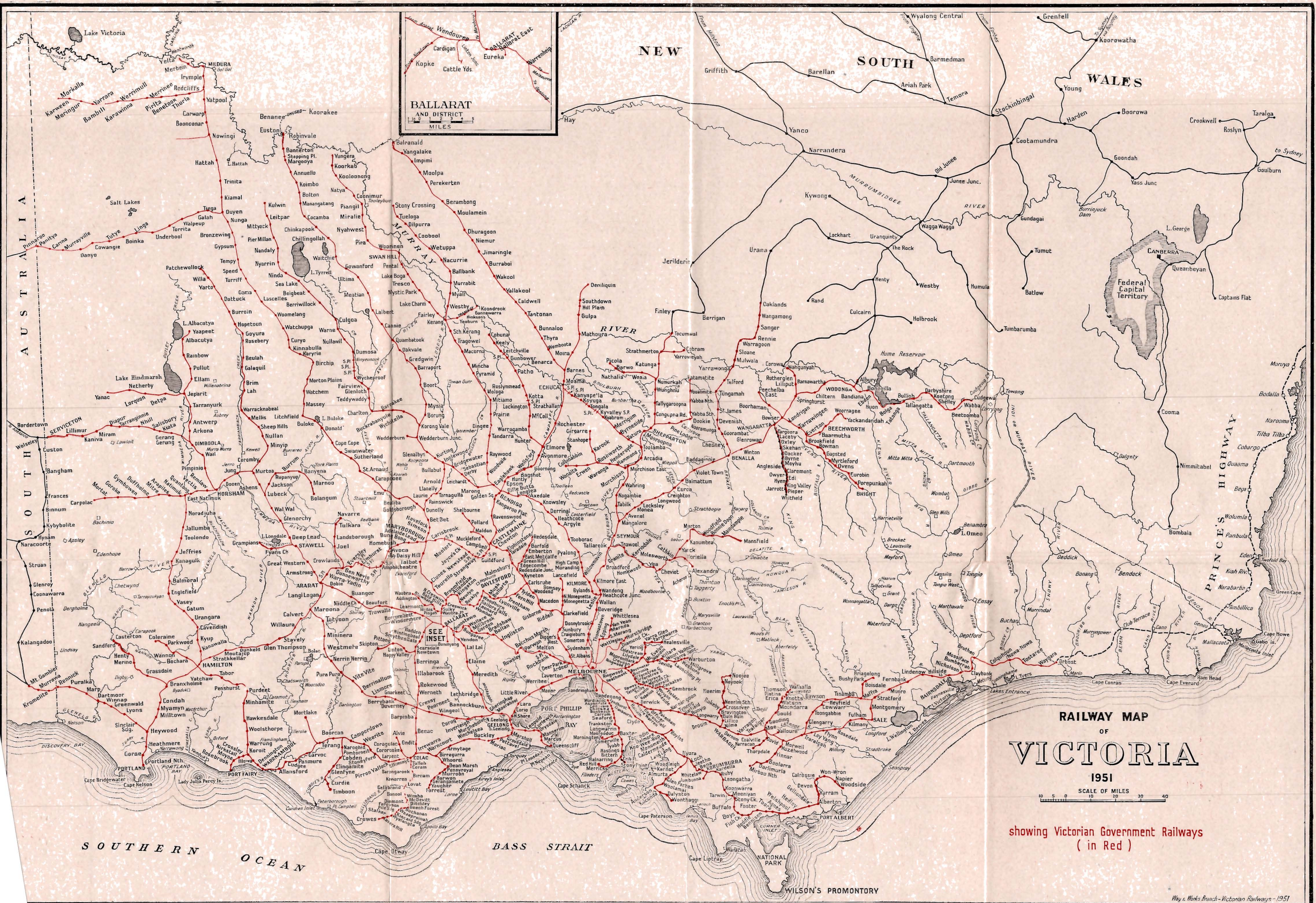
(a) Includes persons who were (1) unable to secure employment, (2) temporarily laid off from their jobs, and (3) not actively seeking work at the time of the Census on account of sickness or accident, industrial dispute, resting between jobs, or for any other reason.

**Population
in Localities,
Census 1947.**

The following is a list of extra-metropolitan localities in Victoria which contained a population of 1,000 persons or over at the Census on 30th June, 1947.

Locality.	Population.	Locality.	Population.
Alexandra	1,258	Korumburra	2,414
Altona	2,807	Kyabram	2,137
Ararat	5,957	Kyneton	3,081
Bacchus Marsh	1,705	Lakes Entrance	1,044
Bairnsdale	4,604	Leongatha	1,990
Ballarat	38,140	Lilydale	2,072
Bayswater	1,472	Lorne	1,028
Beaufort	1,049	Maffra	2,443
Beechworth	2,936	Maldon	1,098
Belgrave	1,358	Mansfield	1,068
Belmont	3,064	Maryborough	6,198
Benalla	4,949	Merbein	2,710
Bendigo	26,739	Mildura	9,527
Boronia	2,057	Moe	2,260
Broadford	1,101	Mooroopna	1,888
Camperdown	3,192	Mornington	2,656
Casterton	2,083	Morwell	2,951
Castlemaine	5,809	Mount Evelyn	1,223
Charlton	1,258	Murtoa	1,197
Cohuna	1,278	Myrtleford	1,111
Colac	6,381	Newtown and Chilwell	10,058
Coleraine	1,107	Nhill	1,974
Creswick	1,463	Noble Park	2,212
Croydon	3,385	Numurkah	1,519
Dandenong	6,512	Orbost	1,726
Daylesford	3,053	Ouyen	1,141
Dimboola	1,710	Port Fairy	2,007
Donald	1,308	Portland	3,462
Drouin	1,638	Queenscliffe	2,386
Eaglehawk	4,040	Red Cliffs	3,798
Echuca	4,490	Rochester	1,549
Eltham	1,278	Rosebud	1,129
Euroa	2,175	Rushworth	1,260
Ferntree Gully Lower	1,947	Rutherglen	1,410
Ferntree Gully Upper	1,222	Sale	5,119
Frankston	6,449	Seaford	1,543
Geelong	18,740	Sebastopol	2,041
Geelong West	15,763	Seymour	3,016
Hamilton	7,180	Shepparton	7,914
Healesville	2,830	Sorrento	1,045
Heathcote	1,268	Springvale	2,768
Horsham	6,388	St. Arnaud	2,900
Irymple	1,718	Stawell	4,840
Kangaroo Flat	1,012	Swan Hill	4,305
Kerang	2,717	Tatura	1,595
Kilmore	1,328	Tecoma	1,115
Koo-wee-rup	1,135	Terang	2,204
Koroit	1,436	Trafalgar	1,680

Locality.			Population.	Locality.			Population.
Traralgon	..	..	4,384	Werribee South	..	..	1,172
Upwey	..	..	1,770	Wodonga	..	..	2,806
Wangaratta	..	..	6,670	Wonthaggi	..	..	4,225
Warburton	..	..	1,597	Woodend	..	..	1,118
Warracknabeal	..	..	2,686	Yallourn	..	..	4,119
Warragul	..	..	3,536	Yarram	..	..	1,547
Warrnambool	9,993	Yarrawonga	2,393
Werribee	3,146				



RAILWAY MAP
OF
VICTORIA
1951

SCALE OF MILES
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showing Victorian Government Railways
(in Red)

PART VIII.

INTERCHANGE.

COMMERCE.

The Customs Tariff. By the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act (section 51) the power to make laws with respect to trade and commerce with other countries was conferred on the Federal Parliament, and by the same Act (section 86) the collection and control of duties of Customs and Excise passed to the Executive Government of the Commonwealth on the 1st January, 1901. The first Commonwealth Customs Tariff was introduced by Resolution on the 8th October, 1901, from which date the duties came into effect. The Tariff Act was assented to on the 16th September, 1902. Since that date the Tariff has been extensively altered. The Tariff in operation during 1949-50 was the Customs Tariff 1933-1950.

The Australian Customs Tariff has been built up in conformity with the policy of protection of Australian industries and preference to goods the produce or manufacture of British countries, and with due regard to the revenue aspects. The principles for the determination of the margin of preference to be accorded to goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom are laid down in the *United Kingdom and Australia Trade Agreement Act 1932*, and by the General Agreements on Tariffs and Trade. In the former Agreement Australia undertakes to maintain certain minimum margins of preference between the British Preferential Tariff and either the Intermediate or General Tariffs. In the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade which is referred to in more detail under the heading of International Trade Organisation maximum margins of preference are established.

There are three scales of duties at present operating—the British Preferential Tariff, the Intermediate Tariff and the General Tariff.

British Preferential Tariff. The British Preferential Tariff applies to goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom, subject to the conditions that the goods comply with the statutory requirements in force regarding the grant of British Preference and that they have been shipped in the United Kingdom and have not been transhipped or, if transhipped, then only if it is proved satisfactorily that the intended destination of the goods when shipped from the United Kingdom was Australia. The British Preferential Tariff rates are also applicable to the majority of goods the produce or manufacture of the Dominions of Canada and of New Zealand. The benefits of the British Preferential Tariff are also accorded to certain goods produced or manufactured in Ceylon and in various non-self governing British Colonies, Protectorates, and Trust Territories.

Intermediate Tariff. The Intermediate Tariff has been a feature of the Australian Customs Tariff for a considerable number of years, although its implementation dates only from 1st January, 1937, consequent upon the conclusion of trade agreements with Belgium, Czechoslovakia, and France in 1936.

The countries to which the benefits of the Intermediate Tariff are extended include countries with which Australia has negotiated trade agreements (including negotiations pursuant to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) and countries which accord Australia reciprocal most-favoured-nation tariff treatment by reason of agreements between those countries and the United Kingdom.

General Tariff. The General Tariff applies to all goods other than those to which the benefits of the British Preferential Tariff or Intermediate Tariff have been extended or which are not entitled to special rates of import duties under preference tariffs or other Acts of Parliament.

Reciprocal Agreements. A reciprocal trade agreement with New Zealand, under which special tariff rates are granted by Australia to certain goods of New Zealand origin and British Preferential Tariff rates are extended to all other New Zealand products, and tariff concessions are granted by New Zealand in respect of Australian goods, has been in force since 1933. This agreement was reviewed in 1934 and 1938. The schedule under which special rates are accorded certain goods the produce or manufacture of New Zealand is the Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1933-1950.

In 1925 a trade agreement between Australia and Canada was concluded. As this, however, covered only a limited number of items, a new agreement under which practically all goods of Canadian origin were accorded preference was completed in 1931. The schedules at present in operation are the Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1931 and the Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934-1950.

The United Kingdom-Australia Trade Agreement (the "Ottawa Agreement"), which is referred to under the sub-heading "The Customs Tariff" in this Section, was concluded in 1932. In addition to recording Australia's undertaking to maintain certain minimum margins of Tariff preference in favour of United Kingdom products, this Agreement records an undertaking by Australia to accord specified minimum margins of Tariff preference in favour of particular products originating in Ceylon and in various British non-self-governing Colonies, Protectorates, and Trust Territories. The Agreement also records undertakings by the United Kingdom in relation to the imposition of duties on certain foreign products entering the United

Kingdom and the guarantee of duty-free entry for particular Australian products, and it specifies minimum margins of preferences to be accorded to other Australian products in the Tariffs of British non-self-governing Colonies, Protectorates, and Trust Territories. The important Articles 9 to 13 inclusive set out the principles which govern the grant of Tariff protection by the Australian Government to Australian products which may compete with United Kingdom products, and procedures involved in the assessment of such protection. The United Kingdom-Australia Trade Agreement originally entered into force for a period of five years, after which it was to continue in force indefinitely subject to denunciation at six months' notice by either Government. Its operation was reviewed in 1935 and 1938 at meetings of United Kingdom and Australian Ministers.

A reciprocal trade agreement was concluded with Newfoundland in 1939, providing for the grant of the British Preferential Tariff on newsprinting paper, the produce or manufacture of that country. In return, Newfoundland accords exclusive tariff preferences on Australian butter and canned fruits of 1 cent. per lb. and 10 per cent. ad valorem respectively. When Newfoundland became a province of Canada on 1st April, 1949, this agreement was allowed to lapse and the agreement with Canada is now applied to trade between Australia and Newfoundland.

A trade agreement with Southern Rhodesia became effective in April, 1941. Briefly, the agreement provides for concessional tariff treatment for Southern Rhodesian tobacco, and exemption from primage duty of raw asbestos and chrome ore, in return for which the Southern Rhodesian Government grants tariff concessions on a wide range of Australian primary and manufactured products.

In conformity with the *Customs Tariff (Papua and New Guinea Preference) Act 1936-1950*, certain specified goods, the produce of Papua and the Trust Territory of New Guinea, are admitted into Australia free of duty. All other goods are admissible under the British Preferential Tariff.

In addition, reciprocal trade agreements have been concluded with Belgium, Czechoslovakia, France, Switzerland, Brazil, and Greece. An agreement was also concluded with the Union of South Africa in August-September, 1935.

**Post-War
Trade
Agreements.** Short-term trade arrangements have been negotiated in the post-war period with Argentina (operating from 12th April, 1950, to 30th June, 1951) Japan and Sweden.

None of these agreements relates to tariff rates. They arise from the currency and goods controls operating in the post-war period and have been concluded with a view to securing outlets for Australian exports and obtaining essential imports.

In the case of Japan, Australia is a participant in the sterling area trade arrangement, which has been concluded yearly, beginning with 1948-49 with a view to keeping trade between the sterling area and Japan in balance and thus avoiding the necessity for conversion into dollars as provided by the Overall Sterling Area Payments Arrangement, of surplus sterling held by the Supreme Commander Allied Powers.

The arrangement regulates the level of Australian import licensing on Japan, and provides finance for Japanese purchases from Australia and other sterling area countries.

The Argentine and Swedish Arrangements have been concluded bilaterally between Australia and the countries concerned.

The Swedish arrangement was originally concluded in respect of the year ended 30th April, 1947, with a view to re-establishing Australian-Swedish trade. The arrangement has been extended annually, each government undertaking to assist with the other's requirements of listed essential goods.

THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE ORGANIZATION.

THE HAVANA CHARTER AND THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE.

Joint declarations during the 1939-1945 war by the United Kingdom and the United States of America, expressed in such instruments as the Mutual Aid Agreement and the Atlantic Charter, envisaged the establishment, in the post-war period, of a body to promote economic collaboration and co-operation between the trading nations of the world.

In December, 1945, the United States of America issued invitations to leading trading nations to participate in preliminary negotiations with a view to drawing up a draft charter to incorporate rules governing the future conduct of international trade, for submission to a World Conference on Trade and Employment.

This particular conference did not eventuate but, after the establishment of the United Nations Organization, the proposed Charter negotiations were brought under the United Nations auspices at the first meeting of the Economic and Social Council in February, 1946.

The Council resolved to call at a later date an International Conference on Trade and Employment and in the meantime, established a Preparatory Committee to prepare an annotated draft agenda for consideration by the Conference. The Preparatory Committee was also asked to recommend a suitable time and place for the World Conference and which nations should be invited.

During 1946 the Preparatory Committee commenced work on two major aspects of world trade—

- (1) the formulation of rules of conduct for international trade; and
- (2) the reduction of tariff barriers.

With regard to (1), discussions took place in London, New York, and Geneva and as a result a "Charter for an International Trade Organization" was prepared for the consideration of a World Conference on Trade and Employment which was held at Havana from 21st November, 1947, to 21st March, 1948.

The Conference was attended by the representatives of 56 nations of whom 54 agreed to submit to their respective Governments for approval a revised text entitled the "Havana Charter for an International Trade Organization".

The Charter provides for the setting up of an International Trade Organization as a new specialized agency of the United Nations and contains a series of rules for the conduct of international trade. It was designed to uphold the principles of multilateral trade, and covered such subjects connected with international trade as maintenance of full employment, promotion of economic development, non-discriminatory tariffs, quantitative restrictions, subsidies, State trading, customs formalities, customs unions and free-trade areas, restrictive business practices, and inter-governmental commodity arrangements.

The Charter was to come into force when instruments of acceptance had been lodged by a specified minimum number of countries. To date, no important trading country has lodged such an instrument, and the United States Administration has recently decided, because of domestic opposition, not to persevere in its attempt to persuade Congress to accept the Charter. Because of the pre-eminent position of the United States in world trade, most other countries had delayed acceptance until the attitude of the United States Government became clear. The latest decision of the United States means that for all practical purposes, the implementation of the Charter has now been indefinitely postponed. The Australian Parliament passed, in 1948, the International Trade Organization Act which authorized Australia to lodge an instrument of acceptance after the United States of America and the United Kingdom had done so.

With regard to (2) viz.—the reduction of tariff barriers—the Preparatory Committee considered that it was unnecessary to await the completion of the Trade Charter before engaging in tariff negotiations. Accordingly, at Geneva, between April and August, 1947, 23 countries (including Australia) conducted a series of tariff negotiations directed towards the mutually advantageous reduction of tariff barriers.

The results were incorporated in the "General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade" and the tariff concessions which each country undertook to accord to the products of all other parties to the Agreement are shown in Schedules annexed to the Agreement. In addition to granting concessions in its own tariff, Australia undertook to forego certain preferences or portion of certain preferences which she enjoyed in Commonwealth markets, but in return received direct and indirect benefits in foreign markets for many export products.

All countries (with the exception of China, Lebanon, and Syria, which have withdrawn from the Agreement) which participated in the tariff negotiations at Geneva are provisionally operating the Agreement. They are Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Burma, Canada, Ceylon, Chile, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, France, India, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, South Africa, Southern Rhodesia, United States of America, and the United Kingdom. Indonesia, having acquired full autonomy in the conduct of its external commercial relations, has been accepted as a contracting party.

The General Agreement, apart from the tariff schedules, comprises 35 articles, many of which also appear in the Charter. These articles relate to such matters as quantitative restrictions, subsidies, internal taxation, and State trading, and were inserted as a stop-gap measure pending the expected implementation of the Charter.

As the Charter is unlikely to be put into effect in the future, the Contracting Parties will now be obliged, under the terms of the General Agreement, to consider whether the Agreement shall be amended, supplemented or maintained.

The second round of tariff negotiations was concluded at Annecy, in France, in August, 1949, and as a result the following nine additional countries have acceded to the General Agreement—Denmark, Finland, Greece, Italy, Sweden, Dominica, Haiti, Liberia, and Nicaragua. Australia agreed to accord certain concessions in return for benefits in export markets and operated its concessions from 12th May, 1950.

The third round of tariff negotiations took place at Torquay, England, between September, 1950, and April, 1951. Six new countries, viz. :—Austria, Western Germany, Southern Korea, Peru, Philippines, and Turkey—took part in the negotiations and may now accede to the General Agreement. Australia negotiated reductions of duties with Austria, Western Germany, Philippines, and Turkey, and also agreed to grant some further concessions to Sweden and Denmark, with whom agreements had previously been concluded. The results of the Torquay negotiations are subject to ratification by the Australian Parliament and will come into force 30 days after Australia signs the Torquay Protocol.

**Primage
Duty.**

In addition to duties imposed by the Customs Tariff 1933-1950, ad valorem primage duties at rates of 4 per cent., 5 per cent., or 10 per cent. are charged according to the type of goods and origin thereof. Goods, the produce or manufacture of New Zealand, Norfolk Island, Fiji, Papua, or the Trust Territory of New Guinea, are exempt from primage duty, as is a number of specified goods for use by primary producers, whilst many machines, tools of trade and raw materials not manufactured in Australia are also free of primage duty. Primage duties at the rates applicable to the British Preferential Tariff are accorded to Canadian goods admissible under the British Preferential Tariff, and also to proclaimed commodities from Ceylon and various British non-self-governing colonies, protectorates, and Trust territories. Primage duties at concessional rates (in most cases at the rate equivalent to the British Preferential Tariff rate) are payable on a limited number of goods the product of proclaimed countries, included among which is the United States of America.

**Recorded
Value of
Imports and
Exports.**

The recorded value of goods imported represents the amount on which duty is payable or would be payable if the duty were charged ad valorem. Such amount is—

- (a) (i) The actual money price paid or to be paid for the goods by the Australian importer plus any special deduction, or
- (ii) the current domestic value of the goods—
- whichever is the higher—and
- (b) all charges payable or ordinarily payable for placing the goods free on board at the port of export.

When the value of imported goods is shown on invoices in any other currency than Australian, the equivalent value in Australian currency is ascertained according to a fair rate of exchange and subject, in cases of doubt, to the determination of a fair rate of exchange by the Minister for Trade and Customs.

The value of goods exported, including the cost of containers, is recorded in Australian currency, and the basis of this valuation is as follows :—

- (a) *Goods sold to overseas buyers before export.*—The f.o.b. equivalent of the price at which the goods were sold—
(e.g., as regards wool, the actual price paid by the oversea buyer plus the cost of all services incurred by him in placing the wool on board ship).

(b) *Goods shipped on consignment.*—The Australian f.o.b. equivalent of the current price offering for similar goods of Australian origin in the principal markets of the country to which the goods are despatched for sale—

(as regards wool, the equivalent f.o.b. of the current price ruling in Australia will normally provide a sufficient approximation of the f.o.b. equivalent of the price ultimately received).

The Excise Tariff in operation is the Excise Tariff 1921-1950. The articles on which excise duty is payable can only be manufactured subject to compliance with certain conditions.

This tariff relates only to beer, spirits, liqueurs, tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, certain petroleum or shale products, coal tar and coke oven distillates, aromatic hydrocarbons and light oils (not being petroleum or shale products) suitable for use as petrol substitutes, playing cards, cigarette tubes, cigarette papers, matches, wine (certain kinds), saccharin, wireless valves, and coal.

Exports—
Monetary
Control.
“Banking
Act 1945.”

Part III. of the Banking (Foreign Exchange) Regulations superseded Part IIA. of the National Security (Exchange Control) Regulations as from 1st January, 1947, in the control of proceeds of exports. As was the case with the superseded regulations, these new regulations under the *Banking Act* 1945, are designed primarily to control the exportation of capital in the form of goods. They are complementary to the action taken under the other parts of the Banking (Foreign Exchange) Regulations to control the movement out of Australia of capital in the form of securities, gold and currency, and ensure that the full proceeds of goods exported from Australia are received into the Australian banking system and that these proceeds are received in the currency and in the manner prescribed by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia.

Provision is made in the regulations for the grant of export licences subject to such terms and conditions as are imposed; and, on the receipt in Australia by the Commonwealth Bank, or by a bank acting as agent for that Bank, of advice that the foreign currency has been

paid to the Commonwealth Bank or to an agent of the Bank in respect of any goods exported in pursuance of a licence granted under the regulations, the Bank or agent of the Bank pays the licensee or such other person as is entitled to receive it, an amount equal to the value of that foreign currency converted into Australian currency at the rate of exchange fixed or authorized by the Bank and in force for the time being.

Section 16, Part III. of the Banking (Foreign Exchange) Regulations provides that:—

(1) A person shall not export any goods unless—

- (a) a licence under this Part to export the goods is in force and the terms and conditions (if any) to which the licence is subject are complied with; or
- (b) the goods are excepted from the application of this Part.

**Exports—
Commodity
Control.**

For various reasons, the principal of which are to—

- (a) conserve supplies of essential commodities for Australia's requirements;
- (b) implement price determinations;
- (c) control exports of goods which are the subject of Empire Marketing Agreements;
- (d) strengthen the control of the exportation of capital in the form of goods instituted by Part III. of the Banking (Foreign Exchange) Regulations;

the exportation of certain commodities is prohibited by the Customs (Prohibited Exports) Regulations and by Customs Proclamations promulgated under Section 112 (1A) (Wartime Export Restrictions) of the Customs Act. Exports of these commodities are permitted only when supplies are available for the purpose and the conditions imposed are complied with by the exporter.

**The Customs
(Import
Licensing)
Regulations.** The Customs (Import Licensing) Regulations were promulgated and became effective on 1st December, 1939. These regulations were complementary to the National Security (Monetary Control) Regulations and the Customs (Overseas Exchange) Regulations, which were already in operation, in that the chief immediate aim of the licensing measure was to conserve resources of non-sterling exchange and, in particular, to prevent the absorption of those resources in the purchase of un-essential imports to the detriment of more vital national needs. Other objectives were to enable priority in shipping space to be given

to essential imports should a shortage develop and to gather information on the relative importance of particular imports to enable future restrictions (if required) to be soundly based.

The deterioration of Australian sterling balances in London and changes in the general war situation made it necessary to bring imports from sterling countries within the scope of the regulations in December, 1941. The extension of the restrictions to sterling goods was a necessary corollary to the measures adopted in Australia and throughout the British Commonwealth to divert manpower, machinery, and raw materials to war production. Conservation of shipping space was also an important consideration.

With the cessation of hostilities and the improvement in London balances and in accordance with the Government policy of relaxing all forms of wartime restrictions wherever possible, a large range of goods of sterling origin was removed from control in January, 1946. In January, 1947, with the exception of a small number of goods, import licensing control was removed from all goods of United Kingdom origin, and these relaxations were extended in January, 1950, to most goods originating in the rest of the Sterling Area. The list of goods of United Kingdom and other Sterling Area origin subject to import licensing control was still further reduced in August, 1950, and the result is that to-day only two commodities of United Kingdom origin and nine commodities originating in the rest of the Sterling Area are subject to import licensing control.

In the years following the cessation of hostilities restrictions applicable to goods from those non-sterling countries (called easy currency countries) with which the sterling area has no balance of payments difficulty, were continuously modified to the extent that virtually all goods from those countries are permissible imports.

The sterling area still has balance of payments problems with a small number of non-sterling countries (the hard currency countries). Australian policy in respect of importations from these countries (the chief of which are those which comprise the dollar area) is to restrict importations to those goods which are of an essential nature and are unobtainable, in adequate quantities, from sterling or easy currency sources.

The Tariff Board.

The Tariff Board Act 1921-1950 provides for the appointment of a Tariff Board consisting of four members one of whom shall be an Administrative Officer of the Department of Trade and Customs and who may be Chairman. Members of the Board are appointed for a term of not less than one year and not more than three years, and two members may be appointed as a Committee for making special inquiries. The principal duties of the Board are shown in the *Year-Book* for 1941-42, pages 168 and 169.

Alteration in Values of Imports.

Prior to the year 1947-48, the values of overseas imports are shown in British Currency, but for 1947-48 and subsequent years values are recorded in Australian Currency. It is necessary, therefore, when comparing the values of imports for 1947-48 and subsequent years with previous years, to take into account differences in currency. This also applies when estimating the balance of trade between Victoria and other countries for years prior to 1947-48.

A reasonably accurate method of converting the values of imports (except gold) from British to Australian Currency is to add 14 per cent. to British Currency values. Imports of gold up to the year 1946-47 were recorded in sterling. The value of gold imported subsequent to that year was ascertained by multiplying the number of fine ounces imported by the average export price for the year (Australian Currency).

Variation in External Exchange Position.

The telegraphic transfer selling rate for £100, Australia on London, which had reached £130 10s. on 29th January, 1931, was reduced to £125 10s. on 3rd December, 1931, since when the rate has remained unchanged.

Overseas Trade of Victoria.

The total values of overseas trade to and from Victorian ports for each of the five years 1945-46 to 1949-50 are set forth in the following table. Imports for which Customs entries have been delayed by war conditions, have been recorded in the year in which the entry has been passed. Exports do not include the value of stores shipped at Victorian ports on board overseas ships, particulars of which are shown on page 358.

**OVERSEA TRADE.—RECORDED VALUES OF IMPORTS INTO
AND EXPORTS FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1945-46 TO
1949-50.**

Year ended 30th June.					Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.*	Total.
					IMPORTS.		
					<i>(British Currency).</i>		
					£	£	£
1946	..	..	..	..	53,952,607	95,742	54,048,349
1947	..	..	..	..	66,951,339	120,386	67,071,725
					<i>(Australian Currency).</i>		
1948	..	..	..	..	120,503,712	96,292	120,600,004
1949	..	..	..	..	145,342,923	230,264	145,573,187
1950	..	..	..	..	182,900,006	1,356,742	184,256,748
					EXPORTS.		
					<i>(Australian Currency).</i>		
					£A	£A	£A
1946	..	..	..	..	49,505,101	26,411,264	75,916,365
1947	..	..	..	..	88,601,624	9,734	88,611,358
1948	..	..	..	..	115,357,695	605,844	115,963,539
1949	..	..	..	..	136,311,926	147,303	136,459,229
1950	..	..	..	..	165,851,180	345,393	166,196,573

* Includes gold, silver, and bronze specie, and gold and silver bullion.

That portion of the value of Commonwealth trade handled at Victorian ports for each of the five years 1945-46 to 1949-50 is shown in the following table. Prior to the year 1947-48 the values of imports were recorded in British Currency :—

Year ended 30th June.	Commonwealth Trade—				Portion of Commonwealth Trade Handled at Victorian Ports—		
	Imports	Exports.		Total.	Imports.	Exports.	Total.
		Australian Currency.	Relative British Currency.				
	£ British Currency.	£A	£	£ British Currency.	%	%	%
1946	.. 156,780,815	223,287,610	178,315,714	335,096,529	34·5	34·0	34·2
1947	.. 183,651,754	309,003,740	246,709,574	430,361,328	36·5	28·7	32·0
	Australian Currency.			Australian Currency.			
1948	.. 339,746,128	409,954,329	..	749,700,457	35·5	28·3	31·6
1949	.. 415,194,200	542,672,708	..	957,866,908	35·1	25·2	29·4
1950	.. 538,068,843	613,696,619	..	1,151,765,462	34·2	27·1	30·4

**Recorded
Values of
Principal
Imports.**

In the following table the recorded values of the principal articles imported into Victorian ports are shown in the order in which they appear in the statistical classification of 21 categories. Values for each of the years 1945-46 and 1946-47 are shown in British Currency but those from 1947-48 to 1949-50 are recorded in Australian Currency :—

**VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM
OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO VICTORIAN PORTS
DURING EACH OF THE FINANCIAL YEARS 1945-46
TO 1949-50.**

Article.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	<i>British Currency Values.</i>		<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>		
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVING ANIMALS.	£	£	£A.	£A.	£A.
Cheese	3,136	3,719	11,338	7,729	5,593
Fish—					
Preserved in Tins	117,416	193,532	716,206	626,669	663,789
All other	94,438	159,687	248,687	286,521	259,435
Meats	48,950	105,586	116,430	117,348	74,464
All other Animal Foodstuffs ..	23,618	46,801	37,729	60,373	66,284
Total, Class I.	287,558	509,325	1,130,390	1,098,640	1,069,565
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN: NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND SUBSTANCES USED IN MAKING.					
Cocoa and Chocolate	219,463	284,962	779,874	747,715	1,460,622
Coffee and Chicory	109,788	145,969	107,079	223,767	477,814
Confectionery	35	1,133	43,091	75,894	67,415
Fruits, Dried	32,343	36,458	72,548	71,300	62,758
Fruits, Fresh	302	108	1	..	..
Grain and Pulse—					
Peas	28,447	44,622	45,632	19,190	47,180
All other	311,441	28,738	55,818	117,745	334,046
Hops	17,814	12,273	57,558	13,030	74,035
Nuts, Edible	67,617	171,722	373,505	290,308	438,772
Pickles and Sauces	4	1,621	7,143	15,301	19,709
Sago and Tapioca .. .. .	..	54,743	109,806	52,056	34,062
Seeds	558	2,241	713	946	3,224
Spices, n.e.i.	138,900	145,831	187,496	115,096	322,017
Tea	1,576,899	2,019,414	3,904,171	2,759,615	4,452,411
All other Vegetable Foodstuffs ..	67,399	35,505	94,907	46,183	165,927
Total, Class II.	2,571,010	2,985,340	5,839,342	4,548,146	7,959,992

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES
INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1945-46 TO 1949-50—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	<i>British Currency Values.</i>		<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>		
	£	£	£A.	£A.	£A.
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.					
Ale, Beer, Porter, &c.	57	3,296	10,412	38,711	23,619
Spirits (Beverages)—					
Brandy	3	14,047	26,869	35,713	13,829
Gin	18	517	2,375	5,078	4,896
Whisky	44,238	52,791	83,141	91,008	115,000
Other	16	3,822	18,392	25,368	20,673
Wine (Fermented)—					
Sparkling . . . . .	..	3,136	21,467	15,727	10,117
Other . . . . .	..	620	2,900	6,189	11,649
Total, Class III.	44,332	78,229	165,556	217,794	199,783
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF.					
Tobacco—					
Manufactured	2,332	44,148	45,932	105,210	80,876
Unmanufactured	1,661,120	1,241,845	2,215,185	2,062,102	2,487,400
Cigars	2	1,190	5,351	20,967	17,582
Cigarettes	3,362	96,877	507,867	1,084,679	1,523,649
Snuff	234	975	..	50	431
Total, Class IV.	1,667,050	1,385,035	2,774,335	3,273,008	4,109,938
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS	76,646	117,819	133,242	168,168	111,170
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY UNMANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS.					
Hides and Skins—					
Hides (Calf, Cattle, and Horse)	212,940	397,640	133,867	32,253	24,714
Skins (Goat)	20,869	43,880	50,538	47,553	1,442
Other	161,927	324,537	457,250	302,325	349,511
Silk, Raw	2	531,266	406,749	386,701	89,633
Wool	4,791	295,249	456,705	343,301	536,293
All other Animal Substances	38,775	252,715	248,069	197,262	296,826
Total, Class VI.	439,304	1,845,287	1,753,178	1,309,395	1,298,419
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES; CORK AND MANUFACTURES; PLASTIC MOULDING MATERIALS AND SYNTHETIC FIBRES.					
Fibres—					
Cotton, Raw	486,767	782,520	1,000,041	1,353,991	1,038,719
Flax and Hemp	196,334	166,340	230,738	164,306	261,194
Jute	137,847	245,355	617,041	421,073	287,689
Kapok	20,199	70,260	86,154	120,265	136,024
Other	101,959	378,104	535,213	665,982	808,411
Grass or Straw, for hatmaking, furniture, mats, &c.	33,167	43,584	67,283	45,516	47,737
Gums, Resins, and Balsams	139,935	292,254	265,908	130,020	143,573
Plastic Moulding Materials	726,198	519,218	973,547	749,546	910,358
Seeds	583,326	488,645	370,974	394,022	521,131
Tanning Substances	116,934	104,220	185,106	141,895	124,083
Cork and Cork Manufactures	71,615	104,835	154,484	101,085	115,333
All other Vegetable Substances	52,226	191,132	168,085	254,773	172,459
Total, Class VII.	2,671,507	3,386,467	4,654,574	4,542,474	4,331,711

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INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1945-46 TO 1949-50—continued.

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	British Currency Values.		Australian Currency Values.		
	£	£	£A.	£A.	£A.
CLASS VIII.—(a) YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES; (b) TEXTILES; AND (c) APPAREL.					
<i>(a) Yarns and Manufactured Fibres.</i>					
Bags and Sacks—					
Bran, Chaff, and Compressed					
Podder	87,705	76,952	347,621	179,427	2,509
Corn and Flour	393,263	1,370,641	2,013,272	1,968,505	2,419,455
Other	52,250	90,827	1,044,842	396,432	833,406
Cordage and Twines (excluding Metal Cordage)	165,689	46,527	160,619	235,811	145,156
Yarns—					
Artificial Silk	869,446	818,858	2,106,537	2,568,253	2,170,723
Cotton	754,149	821,250	2,111,672	2,425,900	1,264,785
Sewing and other Cotton Threads, &c.	215,775	222,789	487,152	1,002,572	661,775
Wool	11,991	10,546	101,303	296,840	303,686
Other	56,026	22,894	33,277	44,854	19,606
<i>(b) Textiles.</i>					
Piece Goods—					
Canvas and Duck	409,918	198,857	446,505	553,966	469,453
Cotton and Linen	3,609,429	3,547,869	9,180,046	10,444,426	9,378,895
Hessians and other Jute Piece Goods	357,401	363,852	449,863	476,765	511,161
Silk and Artificial Silk	2,590,989	4,602,857	8,039,013	6,867,942	6,115,745
Velvets, Velvetens, Plushes, &c.	10,945	218,811	428,775	435,880	659,015
Woolen	132,328	236,968	680,432	2,255,607	2,558,251
Other	233,195	322,274	904,516	1,269,524	938,268
Floor Coverings—Carpets, Linoleums, Mats, &c.	313,813	1,152,062	2,479,483	3,233,449	3,944,566
Handkerchiefs and Serviettes of Cotton and Linen	68,899	193,156	645,231	702,317	441,196
Tents and Sails	222,031	170	4,668	2,901	756
Towels and Towelling	130,182	116,942	344,774	734,458	561,273
All other Textiles	303,984	243,440	450,110	455,237	540,082
<i>(c) Apparel.</i>					
Boots and Shoes	7,695	25,793	137,028	319,454	356,163
Corsets	20,396	28,726	56,195	24,745	19,025
Furs and other Skins—Dressed	30,274	72,265	30,358	54,723	57,929
Gloves	70,536	153,394	436,540	375,110	361,398
Hats and Caps	40,177	83,796	132,294	184,868	178,178
Hosiery and Knitted Apparel (including Socks and Stockings)	63	6,675	315,989	1,223,734	842,547
Lace for Attire, Lace Flouncings, &c.	143,103	364,545	741,397	650,615	992,136
Shirts, Pyjamas	16,865	70,495	5,723	70,469	77,247
Men's and Boys' Outer Garments	7,037	1,468	312,595	675,046	610,617
Trimnings	141,743	296,314	722,714	678,739	594,540
Other	113,806	240,031	354,672	731,447	1,000,500
Total, Class VIII. ..	11,581,103	16,027,044	35,705,216	41,590,016	39,075,047

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INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1945-46 TO 1949-50—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	<i>British Currency Values.</i>		<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>		
	£	£	£A.	£A.	£A.
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.					
Oils—					
Kerosene, &c.	413,839	429,623	983,869	1,131,007	1,134,109
Lubricating (Mineral)	507,707	810,086	1,126,066	1,214,221	1,227,212
Petroleum, Crude	16,374	154,027	312,694	166,674	1,009,282
Petroleum and Shale Spirit . .	2,009,590	2,254,714	4,362,843	5,849,809	7,684,376
Residual and Solar	738,940	962,199	1,722,279	2,405,268	3,004,459
Linseed . . . . .	..	9,641	372,950	333,548	184,952
Castor . . . . .	..	13,829	241,372	40,633	6
Turpentine and Substitutes therefor	93,689	129,918	117,449	159,488	155,091
Paraffin	56,353	111,027	272,280	154,810	84,341
All other Oils, Fats, and Waxes .	228,429	331,010	602,614	824,310	504,796
Total, Class IX.	4,064,921	5,206,074	10,114,416	12,279,768	14,988,624
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES	331,416	377,771	594,279	753,116	606,387
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, INCLUDING ORES AND CONCENTRATES, AND HYDRO-CARBONS.					
Sulphur (Brimstone)	147,767	318,313	275,714	311,490	1,317,904
All other Rocks, Minerals, &c. . .	254,560	356,302	452,170	1,314,365	1,947,189
Total, Class XI.	402,327	674,615	727,884	1,625,855	3,265,093
CLASS XII.—(a) METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES, (b) ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND MACHINERY, AND (c) MACHINERY.					
(a) <i>Metals and Metal Manufactures, (except Electric Appliances and Machinery).</i>					
Aluminium	63,487	30,359	72,479	314,146	289,539
Copper and Copper Manufactures (except Wire)	9,323	21,213	114,066	228,589	636,057
Heating and Cooking Appliances .	34,770	67,092	331,732	192,211	281,797
Iron and Steel—					
Bar, Rod, Hoop, Ingots, Blooms, &c.	112,301	133,897	222,617	460,111	2,212,260
Pipes and Tubes	40,217	26,001	41,497	73,055	515,603
Plate and Sheet	1,979,697	2,368,645	3,342,625	3,970,502	6,114,657
Other	19,907	69,624	94,440	137,754	1,320,856
Lamps and Lampware	26,089	33,357	57,601	107,011	125,933
Nickel	3,152	8,121	11,001	23,437	37,962
Plated Ware and Cutlery	183,075	422,538	638,143	417,749	616,080
Tools of Trade (not being Machines)	541,455	312,754	707,221	630,759	849,168
Vehicles—					
Motor Cycles, Tricycles, &c. . .	25,403	120,411	407,404	513,811	765,987
Bodies for Motor Cars, &c. . . .	24,484	140,457	1,029,770	2,266,735	6,453,131
Chassis for Motor Cars, &c.* . .	2,945,858	4,441,698	6,260,795	10,038,262	18,139,551
Aircraft and Parts	2,977,073	1,516,681	1,233,371	1,762,571	899,786
Other Vehicles and Parts	365,761	650,027	1,124,066	1,394,356	2,166,734
Wire	308,306	272,941	439,556	740,253	2,466,210
All other Metals and Metal Manufactures other than Machinery	553,194	872,934	1,686,520	2,332,318	3,245,850

* Including complete motor cars, trucks, and ordnance vehicles.

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES
INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1945-46 TO 1949-50—continued.

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950
	British Currency Values.		Australian Currency Values.		
	£	£	£A.	£A.	£A.
CLASS XII.—(a) METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES, (b) ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND MACHINERY, AND (c) MACHINERY—continued.					
<i>(b) Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Electrical Appliances and Equipment.</i>					
Cable and Wire, Covered ..	206,940	202,767	399,148	776,191	1,472,471
Dynamo Machines	210,561	293,402	638,328	1,244,952	1,270,292
Telephones and Switchboards ..	207,936	71,085	200,532	409,445	531,014
Wireless and Parts	439,493	91,229	120,430	117,861	81,234
Other	750,243	717,916	1,380,823	2,277,136	2,975,207
<i>(c) Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical).</i>					
Implements and Machinery (Agricultural, Horticultural, and Viticultural)	97,818	103,349	373,605	303,214	556,286
Refrigerating Appliances and Parts ..	11,369	17,847	100,976	285,189	556,456
Clothes Washing Machines	1,521	12,837	104,219	280,271	407,722
Vacuum Cleaners and Parts	18,047	87,168	297,576	174,301	212,278
Dredging and Excavating Machinery ..	59,670	41,623	85,159	279,464	452,055
Metal Working Machinery	254,142	687,527	2,087,766	1,393,917	1,683,483
Motive Power Machinery—					
Aircraft Engines and Parts	808,618	691,982	611,566	376,513	382,150
Motor Car Engines	16,881	26,198	56,454	103,393	62,780
Tractors and Parts	1,005,112	1,176,122	1,441,666	3,279,996	5,524,808
Other	475,624	446,460	1,157,065	1,443,803	1,820,218
Roller Bearings and Ball Bearings ..	319,698	213,965	785,936	774,729	960,205
All other Machines and Machinery ..	1,412,393	2,337,656	3,911,489	6,518,622	8,620,723
Total, Class XII.	16,509,618	18,727,883	31,567,642	45,642,627	74,706,543
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR (EXCEPT APPAREL).					
<i>(a) Rubber and Rubber Manufactures.</i>					
Rubber, Crude, Powdered or Reclaimed	1,132,231	1,538,446	1,466,227	1,593,319	1,990,444
Rubber Manufactures	212,732	539,123	832,210	1,048,663	1,935,240
<i>(b) Leather and Manufactures of Leather and Substitutes therefor.</i>					
Glace Kid	3,821	2,528	7,369	10,495	15,219
All other	21,506	52,516	217,467	210,640	224,724
Total, Class XIII.	1,370,290	2,132,613	2,523,273	2,863,117	4,165,627
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER, RAW AND MANUFACTURED.					
Timber—					
Dressed	176,329	90,866	491,652	1,262,785	1,190,983
Undressed	308,346	673,316	862,566	1,556,938	1,409,565
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture	62,906	110,759	194,147	248,220	365,396
Total, Class XIV.	547,581	874,941	1,548,365	3,067,943	2,965,944

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INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1945-46 TO 1949-50—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	<i>British Currency Values.</i>		<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>		
	£	£	£A.	£A.	£A.
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND STONEWARE.					
Cement (Portland)	1,656	4,964	22,806	127,275	283,539
Earthenware, China, &c. .. .	269,244	383,495	832,834	1,075,293	1,217,539
Glass and Glassware	224,444	387,794	1,046,351	890,922	1,046,728
All other Earthenware, Cement, China, Glass, and Stoneware ..	82,649	116,698	307,429	450,846	467,480
Total, Class XV.	577,993	892,951	2,209,420	2,544,336	3,015,286
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.					
(a) <i>Pulp, Paper, and Board.</i>					
Cardboard and other Paper Boards	66,896	152,378	531,174	340,640	400,754
Printing	755,199	1,416,939	2,595,374	1,766,453	2,305,575
Pulp for Papermaking	365,930	444,301	1,044,277	1,270,862	348,898
Wrapping of all Colours	161,159	398,705	774,703	575,504	358,012
Writing and Typewriting Paper ..	244,603	453,099	1,019,607	365,921	205,530
All other	196,902	254,354	654,614	964,342	730,715
(b) <i>Paper Manufactures and Stationery.</i>					
Books (Printed), Directories, &c.	531,957	720,239	964,129	967,291	1,142,392
Cigarette Tubes and Papers .. .	1,021	38,738	72,869	8,077	7,047
Price Lists, Catalogues, &c. .. .	2,019	1,771	3,439	9,117	8,185
Pens and Pencils	78,502	186,992	506,579	400,083	469,478
All other	181,062	358,745	533,809	459,772	510,176
Total, Class XVI.	2,585,250	4,426,261	8,700,574	7,128,062	6,486,762
CLASS XVII.—SPORTING MATERIAL, TOYS, FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY, AND TIMEPIECES.					
Sporting Material	31,838	53,935	113,298	172,858	131,137
Fancy Goods, Toys, &c.	81,952	39,738	442,639	588,322	790,524
Jewellery, including Cameos, &c.	140,890	256,342	457,667	544,257	567,407
Watches, Clocks, Chronometers, &c.	333,615	273,471	478,518	540,260	908,006
Total, Class XVII.	587,295	974,516	1,492,122	1,845,697	2,397,074
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS AND APPLIANCES, AND PHOTO- GRAPHIC GOODS, n.e.i.					
Optical and Meteorological Instru- ments, &c.	87,298	111,702	136,318	89,135	123,199
Cinematograph Films	46,384	44,316	46,321	73,500	92,136
Photographic Goods, n.e.i. .. .	40,549	27,217	59,267	82,220	79,008
Surgical and Dental Instruments, &c.	317,409	281,056	378,317	400,760	412,173
Scientific Instruments, &c. .. .	165,907	184,647	312,178	365,884	388,605
All other Optical and Scientific Instruments	44,355	88,606	160,847	337,166	378,136
Total, Class XVIII.	701,902	737,544	1,093,248	1,348,665	1,473,257

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INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1945-46 TO 1949-50—*continued*.

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	<i>British Currency Values.</i>		<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>		
	£	£	£A.	£A.	£A.
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS, AND CHEMICALS.					
Acids ..	78,540	127,698	117,702	103,544	157,665
Drugs and Medicinal Preparations ..	157,791	324,161	417,210	431,646	587,663
Dyes ..	346,756	502,230	664,285	1,028,828	475,979
Fertilizers ..	837,071	780,470	735,485	829,645	932,856
Glycerine ..	1	741	99	11,961	11,939
Oils, Essential (Non-spirituous) ..	88,666	108,446	97,996	68,583	91,153
Perfumery and Toilet Preparations ..	22,457	85,411	124,908	123,373	109,697
Soap and Soap Substitutes ..	9,467	11,889	39,166	70,090	21,969
Sodium Salts ..	143,422	136,039	336,260	498,649	199,047
Spirits and Spirituous Preparations ..	32,795	50,943	49,491	54,254	37,024
All other Drugs and Chemicals ..	580,231	825,206	1,063,316	1,222,172	1,205,000
Total, Class XIX. ..	2,297,197	2,953,234	3,645,918	4,442,745	3,820,992
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.					
Arms, Ammunition and Explosives ..	3,258,412	418,529	582,864	812,645	514,659
Bags, Baskets, Trunks, &c. ..	15,673	83,416	118,458	133,096	196,456
Brushware ..	14,522	85,687	117,831	90,627	111,444
Fire Brigade and Life-saving Appliances, n.e.i. ..	9,526	18,772	13,850	20,936	5,645
Outside Packages ..	820,769	1,259,417	2,232,665	2,729,854	3,607,432
Vessels (Ships) ..	234	62,741	283	21,807	13,378
All other Articles ..	519,171	709,828	1,064,787	1,244,386	2,394,778
Total, Class XX. ..	4,638,307	2,638,390	4,130,738	5,053,351	6,843,792
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; AND BRONZE SPECIE.					
Gold ..	88,766	117,643	93,465	229,208	1,355,169
Silver ..	6,976	2,743	2,814	1,056	1,573
Bronze—Specie ..	..	..	13	..	..
Total, Class XXI. ..	95,742	120,386	96,292	230,264	1,356,742
Total Imports ..	54,048,349	67,071,725	120,600,004	145,573,187	184,256,748

Manufactured articles comprise the major portion of imports into Victoria from countries beyond Australia.

The percentage which the value of each of the more important classes bore to the total value of merchandise imported during 1949-50 was as follows:—Yarns and manufactured fibres, textiles, and apparel 21·4 per cent.; machinery and metal manufactures 40·8 per cent.; oils, &c., 8·2 per cent.; paper manufactures and stationery 3·5 per cent.

**Recorded
Values of
Principal
Exports.**

The recorded values of the principal articles exported to overseas countries from Victorian ports during each of the five years 1946-50 are shown in 21 divisions, in accordance with the statistical classification.

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM VICTORIAN PORTS DURING EACH OF THE FINANCIAL YEARS 1945-46 TO 1949-50.
(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	£A	£A	£A	£A.	£A.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVING ANIMALS.					
Butter	5,116,989	7,766,346	9,212,338	9,848,294	11,224,357
Cheese	642,800	1,430,698	1,697,685	2,169,093	2,492,614
Eggs	658,288	1,125,612	1,564,774	1,580,594	1,435,407
Infants' and Invalids' Food, n.e.i.	274,899	361,397	300,885	256,314	304,350
Meats—					
Bacon and Hams	201,494	180,920	132,791	123,270	84,736
Preserved by Cold Process—					
Beef	37,622	445,946	137,160	122,896	59,173
Lamb	568,285	2,576,358	2,558,208	1,867,851	3,787,556
Mutton	190,576	486,341	213,559	278,064	1,121,897
Pork	409,856	169,480	73,765	212,424	168,571
Poultry	7,619	221,147	595,112	644,470	753,052
Rabbits and Hares	109,044	528,825	1,353,986	2,390,701	2,287,253
Other	111,838	137,913	202,609	214,996	396,584
Preserved in Tins	1,461,462	2,061,345	1,525,841	2,545,970	3,336,400
Sausage Casings	174,749	271,727	329,684	386,030	880,314
Other	71,898	38,399	44,446	83,055	116,434
Milk and Cream	1,425,160	2,733,230	2,961,437	3,271,799	4,052,643
Honey	97,362	308,379	271,178	480,609	191,992
All other Animal Foodstuffs	385,329	65,160	100,972	227,647	635,740
Total, Class I.	11,945,270	20,909,223	23,276,730	26,704,077	33,329,073
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND SUBSTANCES USED IN MAKING.					
Biscuits	292,761	53,966	14,638	1,621	1,907
Confectionery	62,475	316,233	249,624	431,916	1,027,529
Fruits, Dried	1,393,976	1,682,138	1,554,839	2,404,127	1,969,259
" Fresh	297,547	477,743	657,620	875,282	779,931
" Preserved in liquid	518,786	1,368,813	1,843,754	2,761,821	2,066,766
" Pulped	6,644	57,781	29,420	24,212	35,466
Grain and Pulse—					
Unprepared—					
Wheat	122	312,072	11,626,097	6,943,781	13,278,364
Oats		6,422	1,401,770	2,963,998	1,602,982
Barley	79,459	137,088	52,734	1,263,633	1,054,464
Other	153,156	224,954	380,136	269,148	129,573
Prepared—					
Flour (Wheaten)	2,897,017	7,025,624	11,653,993	10,802,761	9,535,345
Barley—Pearl and Scotch	37,579	157,068	474,500	92,383	9,591
Rice—Cleaned	4,205	142,529	284,654	212,463	200,831
Oatmeal, Wheatmeal and Rolled Oats	157,346	424,169	511,783	253,935	172,862
Macaroni and Vermicelli	10,788	93,761	94,506	114,559	82,352
Other	138,810	194,985	845,873	1,681,249	119,537
Jams and Fruit Jellies	711,462	906,725	925,450	845,667	1,008,761
Tea	18,620	17,851	11,488	12,010	20,454
Vegetables (including Tomatoes)	2,075,312	585,982	936,182	327,623	893,111
All other Vegetable Foodstuffs	229,201	829,476	934,231	1,565,941	775,132
Total, Class II.	9,085,266	15,015,380	34,483,292	33,848,130	34,764,217

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES
FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1945-46 TO 1949-50—*continued*.
(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS ..	£A 390,102	£A 445,355	£A 335,380	£A 300,638	£A 254,375
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF ..	31,302	5,333	16,234	81,035	25,010
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS ..	25,452	154,306	77,812	94,932	23,817
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY UNMANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS.					
Hides and Skins—					
Hides (Calf, Cattle, Horse) ..	81,021	67,295	103,680	219,167	266,893
Fox	15,138	4,195	3,378	3,393	5,176
Opossum	35,299	63,137	10,505	2,746	43,487
Rabbit and Hare	2,616,670	2,020,950	1,786,345	1,142,571	598,594
Sheep	1,923,515	3,550,140	3,314,618	3,287,598	5,023,036
Other	44,633	35,872	10,492	7,054	11,674
Wool—					
Greasy	9,718,556	20,799,838	29,605,003	49,294,258	65,602,743
Scoured and Washed	2,421,215	6,658,839	7,247,658	8,882,898	11,995,200
Tops, Nolls and Waste	2,110,684	2,157,926	2,132,359	2,144,909	1,547,306
Other Animal Substances	8,714	21,105	42,708	22,748	56,284
Total, Class VI. ..	18,975,445	35,379,297	44,256,746	65,007,342	85,150,393
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES; CORK AND MANUFACTURES, PLASTIC MOULDING MATERIALS AND SYNTHETIC FIBRES ..	550,753	554,744	466,543	244,246	298,319
CLASS VIII.—(a) YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES; (b) TEXTILES; AND (c) APPAREL.					
Yarns and Manufactured Fibres—					
Yarns (Woollen)	469,086	801,774	1,216,660	455,377	303,807
(Silk)		2,492	83,582	81,523	84,853
Other	39,270	120,609	100,898	31,419	81,295
Textiles	1,460,812	2,288,343	1,422,147	696,111	638,691
Apparel—					
Outer Garments	116,867	365,868	111,277	122,191	48,466
Underwear	27,582	60,755	32,659	15,128	17,390
Boots and Shoes	33,339	89,330	24,881	42,546	6,444
Other	936,351	1,125,717	363,236	99,969	188,032
Total, Class VIII. ..	3,083,307	4,854,888	3,355,390	1,544,264	1,368,978
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.					
Tallow—Unrefined	71,091	94,682	195,140	340,858	725,447
All other Oils, Fats, and Waxes ..	170,555	246,875	375,933	438,284	579,123
Total, Class IX. ..	241,646	341,557	571,073	779,142	1,304,570
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES ..	10,287	43,075	33,067	78,791	101,291
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS INCLUDING ORES AND CONCENTRATES, AND HYDROCARBONS ..	31,126	522,241	436,362	558,861	435,874

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES
FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1945-46 TO 1949-50—continued.
(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
CLASS XII.—(a) METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES, (b) ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND MACHINERY, AND (c) MACHINERY.	£A	£A	£A	£A	£A
(a) <i>Metals and Metal Manufactures (except Electrical Appliances and Machinery).</i>					
Bolts, and Nuts, Rivets and Washers, n.e.l.	8,486	61,195	30,667	28,022	24,457
Iron and Steel	35,053	187,436	56,605	161,506	75,647
Cadmium—Blocks, Bars, &c. .. .	575		6,695	27,906	9,328
Lead (Pig)	85,352	60,450	335,484	84,874	231,203
Motor Cars, Lorries, &c., and Parts	58,704	133,255	101,335	134,369	190,271
Zinc—Bars, Blocks, &c. .. .	1,048,085	1,496,863	238,812	127,048	197,578
All other Metals and Manufactures thereof	435,591	1,493,116	1,289,143	998,919	961,954
(b) <i>Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Electrical Appliances and Equipment</i>	113,461	258,919	272,123	293,545	232,718
(c) <i>Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical).</i>					
Agricultural Implements	220,821	571,577	455,038	354,048	429,702
Other	399,783	953,449	1,423,060	1,223,779	1,234,908
Total, Class XII.	2,405,911	5,216,260	4,208,962	3,434,016	3,587,766
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR (EXCEPT APPAREL).					
Rubber and Manufactures	176,653	343,692	176,565	53,288	48,179
Leather and Manufactures	570,213	1,276,901	908,943	834,926	1,049,637
Total, Class XIII.	746,866	1,620,593	1,085,508	888,214	1,097,816
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER, RAW AND MANUFACTURED ..	98,265	45,145	69,453	78,537	72,079
CLASS XV. — EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND STONEWARE	45,265	66,775	72,607	60,962	86,575
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.					
Paper	35,972	103,434	41,845	70,924	58,542
Stationery	117,259	240,462	225,549	160,687	212,829
Total, Class XVI.	153,231	343,896	267,394	231,611	271,371

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES
FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1945-46 TO 1949-50—*continued*.
(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1943.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	£A	£A	£A	£A	£A.
CLASS XVII.—SPORTING MATERIAL, TOYS, FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY, AND TIMEPIECES.					
Precious Stones, Unset, Pearls, Cameos, &c.	5,344	12,961	2,875	3,820	50,375
Sporting Material	14,773	53,125	88,026	92,529	60,623
All other Jewellery, Time-pieces, &c.	63,231	78,838	26,797	22,123	65,821
Total, Class XVII.	83,348	144,924	117,698	118,472	176,819
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS AND APPLIANCES, AND PHOTO- GRAPHIC GOODS, n.e.i.	90,745	203,781	306,143	233,835	340,599
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS, AND CHEMICALS.					
Bacteriological Products and Sera	21,545	19,739	16,052	16,810	6,983
Casein		60,500	78,500	9,350	74,576
Fertilizers	1,312	694	294	1,942	7,725
Medicines	53,027	296,256	198,540	362,395	323,870
Oil—Eucalyptus	136,429	277,026	165,370	77,284	98,193
Perfumery and Toilet Preparations, n.e.i.	82,955	126,941	40,443	47,250	24,044
Soap	187,979	156,249	16,606	40,028	105,259
Yeast	11,766	7,066	7,494	2,246	9,593
Other Drugs and Chemicals	318,807	890,765	559,595	329,248	456,974
Total, Class XIX.	813,820	1,835,236	1,082,894	886,553	1,107,217
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.					
Arms, Ammunition and Explosives	109,576	121,494	217,465	317,369	807,205
Matches and Vestas	29,803	32,466	45,575	38,755	45,631
Patriotic Gifts	210,904	182,472	71,580	205,095	318,669
Other	347,411	563,183	503,787	577,051	883,516
Total, Class XX.	697,694	899,615	838,407	1,138,270	2,055,021
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; AND BRONZE SPECIE.					
Gold	26,411,224		140	1,367	
Silver	40	9,725	605,674	111,286	345,393
Bronze Specie		9	30	34,650	
Total, Class XXI.	26,411,264	9,734	605,844	147,303	345,393
Australian produce	75,130,306	88,000,886	114,212,908	135,296,149	164,907,436
Other produce	786,059	610,472	1,750,631	1,163,080	1,289,137
Grand Total	75,916,365	88,611,358	115,963,539	136,459,229	166,196,573

The export trade consists largely of agricultural, dairying, and pastoral products. The value of wool, wheat, flour, butter, fruits (all kinds), meats, hides and skins, milk and cream, cheese and eggs exported during 1949-50, amounted to almost 87 per cent. of the total merchandise (Australian produce) exported—wool alone represented nearly 48 per cent. The total value of exports showed an increase during 1949-50 of £29,737,344 as compared with that of the previous year.

**Trade with
Countries.**

The value of the trade with various countries of the world in each of the five years 1946-50 was as specified in the following table:—

**IMPORTS (ACCORDING TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN) INTO
VICTORIAN PORTS FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES, AND
EXPORTS DIRECT THERETO FROM VICTORIAN PORTS,
1945-46 TO 1949-50.**

Imports from—	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	<i>British Currency Values.</i>		<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>		
	£	£	£A.	£A	£A.
United Kingdom	21,915,973	25,089,477	48,661,112	78,446,789	97,855,645
Africa, British East ..	325,498	242,735	180,601	901,725	795,369
" West	210,158	258,170	580,368	458,707	795,163
Canada	2,713,155	4,737,880	5,247,001	3,348,326	3,540,706
Hong Kong	1,841	21,146	68,877	144,573	181,113
India and Ceylon	5,578,814	7,260,396	11,383,665	9,402,670	11,584,020
Malaya (British) and Singapore	2,582	1,279,279	1,788,040	2,380,660	2,962,207
New Zealand	1,118,320	1,547,143	1,350,195	1,433,600	2,569,388
Pacific Islands (British) ..	3,925	47,287	198,558	74,619	163,022
South African Union	308,893	629,533	1,194,078	871,503	1,454,572
West Indies (British) ..	59,587	59,851	94,668	64,159	49,145
Other British Possessions ..	586,113	891,669	1,209,094	1,969,509	2,304,599
Bahrain Islands	328,675	1,323,315	1,759,779	1,175,532	1,937,798
Belgium	45,289	501,783	1,721,610	983,134	1,287,112
China	8,782	349,900	440,563	584,617	361,734
Czecho-Slovakia	135	38,346	714,718	1,552,682	1,905,612
Egypt	334,964	375,342	280,212	532,207	117,333
France	9,001	542,005	1,206,719	1,474,259	3,475,675
Germany	9,857	110,685	379,509	969,701	2,524,608
Indonesia	29,583	55,608	938,918	3,645,601	4,381,499
Italy	2,839	821,855	985,011	1,640,724	3,667,497
Japan	588	535,471	653,523	685,800	2,747,618
Netherlands	1,518	142,371	853,370	1,169,374	1,231,010
Norway	11,092	183,890	1,088,233	1,204,216	1,207,241
Persia (Iran)	1,965,770	2,135,187	3,165,046	3,311,283	4,745,055
Peru	5,524	18,406	2	20,613	26,692
Philippine Republic	262	99	24,676	5,210	30,778
Spain	8,587	11,632	46,535	206,743	132,054
Sweden	283,984	642,625	1,985,918	3,901,204	2,855,171
Switzerland	316,495	402,970	743,390	768,039	986,424
Soviet Russia (U.S.S.R.) ..	3,506	8,021	46,123	43,842	182,748
United States of America ..	15,972,839	14,227,684	27,042,090	16,444,543	18,666,465
Other Foreign Possessions ..	1,063,431	1,312,193	2,335,137	3,027,169	3,923,873
Total (excluding Outside Packages*)	53,227,580	65,798,954	118,367,339	142,843,333	180,648,946

* "Outside Packages," 1945-46, £820,769; 1946-47, £1,259,417; 1947-48, £2,232,665; 1948-49, £2,729,854; and 1949-50, £3,637,802.

Exports to—	<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>				
	£A	£A	£A	£A	£A.
United Kingdom	39,288,645	28,247,445	43,924,370	54,019,343	60,363,601
Africa, British East ..	44,640	106,331	142,178	212,083	136,300
" West		59,208	85,408	111,008	144,680
Canada	1,516,156	1,911,946	1,688,803	3,286,456	3,210,111
Hong Kong	1,081,189	2,416,678	2,913,620	1,990,423	2,849,520
India and Ceylon	9,655,674	7,316,834	13,679,038	9,192,762	10,963,474
Malaya (British) and Singapore	1,913,222	6,060,455	5,704,078	5,261,501	5,199,066
New Zealand	2,173,421	3,878,968	4,465,176	4,487,918	6,233,410

IMPORTS (ACCORDING TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN) INTO VICTORIAN PORTS FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES, AND EXPORTS DIRECT THERETO FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1945-46 TO 1949-50—*continued*.

Exports to—	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>				
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Pacific Islands (British) ..	487,945	203,818	288,523	235,056	381,621
South African Union ..	617,960	1,740,089	904,330	1,025,950	998,155
West Indies (British) ..	11,684	87,998	403,265	447,169	667,051
Other British Possessions ..	1,178,149	3,613,375	5,863,771	2,645,062	3,420,470
Bahrein Islands ..	2,796	22,990	31,966	31,797	86,471
Belgium ..	1,274,219	3,241,045	2,822,414	2,174,934	2,712,739
China ..	160,558	1,804,416	1,011,869	474,163	228,455
Czecho-Slovakia ..	42,772	317,523	169,743	314,619	1,781,160
Egypt ..	841,361	1,959,388	2,111,360	2,852,170	2,218,249
France ..	2,601,313	4,366,040	7,304,353	9,964,908	9,775,950
Germany ..		83,732	1,141,279	1,635,470	3,874,089
Indonesia ..	314,531	30,266	5,813	610,796	190,807
Italy ..	134,535	2,580,989	3,285,383	8,478,145	4,920,902
Japan ..	24,477	164,347	350,796	991,732	6,311,704
Netherlands ..	114,922	505,013	478,677	1,414,320	2,751,331
Norway ..	15,215	153,686	157,093	170,279	457,271
Persia (Iran) ..	43,703	256,368	150,856	260,212	561,947
Philippine Republic ..	905	90,180	55,183	169,665	181,962
Poland ..	138,829	256,098	301,859	2,400,125	3,215,986
Spain ..	252	109,448	21,017	19,257	1,037,136
Sweden ..	257,510	1,021,286	942,942	1,821,833	2,155,485
Switzerland ..	38,647	305,312	307,330	175,161	515,407
Soviet Russia (U.S.S.R.) ..	351,657	262,635	2,027,568	6,186,834	7,455,991
United States of America ..	9,371,224	12,785,014	10,650,290	7,746,201	14,564,498
Other Foreign Possessions ..	1,039,826	2,651,012	2,603,188	6,311,277	6,608,574
Country not stated ..	1,178,428	1,425	..	..	..
Total ..	75,916,365	88,611,358	115,963,539	136,459,229	166,196,573

Imports from and exports to the United Kingdom during 1949-50 represented 53 per cent. and 36 per cent. respectively of the total value of the overseas imports into and exports from Victorian ports during that year. Details of the principal articles interchanged are given hereunder for each of the five years, 1946-1950.

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

Articles.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	<i>British Currency Values.</i>		<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>		
	£	£	£A.	£A.	£A.
<i>Imports—Articles of United Kingdom origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>					
Whisky ..	44,155	52,427	82,819	89,962	112,763
Cigarettes ..	2,788	65,703	484,569	1,044,235	1,376,687
Apparel ..	480,412	1,085,822	2,557,474	4,342,484	3,895,407
<i>Piece Goods—</i>					
Canvas and Duck ..	319,630	102,290	239,714	265,182	277,250
Cotton and Linen ..	2,376,680	2,022,664	2,998,463	6,226,353	5,800,554
Silk and Artificial Silk ..	2,448,639	2,573,250	4,881,937	5,597,694	4,471,712
Woolen ..	132,311	230,548	645,101	2,229,636	2,520,068
Velvets ..	10,480	54,005	168,080	336,547	396,529
Other ..	177,580	279,583	689,071	1,219,400	966,450

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM, 1945-46 TO 1949-50—continued.

Articles.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	British Currency Values.		Australian Currency Values.		
	£	£	£A.	£A.	£A.
<i>Imports—Articles of United Kingdom origin imported into Victorian ports—continued.</i>					
Floor Coverings	180,024	602,808	1,983,629	3,126,957	3,800,829
Sewing and Embroidery Silks, &c. ..	214,419	222,369	352,489	689,419	621,839
Yarns, other	1,572,436	1,467,752	2,586,898	4,096,371	3,164,768
Machines and Machinery	3,508,106	4,005,909	7,609,953	13,593,318	12,557,899
Metals and Metal Manufactures—					
Iron and Steel	379,757	864,929	1,456,043	2,879,403	4,604,581
Pipes and Tubes	34,937	20,704	33,279	68,582	182,990
Platedware and Cutlery	182,204	407,875	616,223	485,529	591,527
Motor Cars (bodies, chassis, and parts)	841,899	1,784,835	4,325,350	9,885,849	20,551,108
Other Vehicles and parts, n.e.i. ..	1,277,225	781,551	1,504,744	2,179,649	2,720,233
Other Metals and Manufactures ..	975,387	1,318,183	2,604,122	3,503,199	5,009,824
Rubber and Rubber Goods	143,730	333,866	520,658	916,043	1,620,117
Crockery and Household Ware	264,651	362,390	782,232	1,022,113	1,191,851
Glass and Glassware	193,575	244,195	422,686	520,131	587,713
Paper	312,936	542,715	685,064	1,368,214	1,812,823
Books	415,612	539,193	798,271	784,566	941,842
Fancy Goods, Toys, &c.	89,834	274,540	509,034	690,609	773,240
Drugs and Medicinal Preparations ..	139,727	229,692	324,514	381,182	504,136
Sodium Salts	101,935	101,578	126,091	187,862	144,035
Dyes	334,889	459,561	580,345	838,605	412,679
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives ..	2,313,895	172,669	422,095	629,003	380,109
All other Articles	2,446,110	3,885,871	7,670,164	9,449,292	15,864,082
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	21,915,973	25,089,477	48,661,112	78,446,789	97,855,645
<i>Exports from Victorian ports to United Kingdom.</i>			Australian Currency Values.		
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Butter	4,444,355	6,633,032	8,380,997	8,098,650	9,263,845
Cheese	237,321	716,099	1,026,938	1,648,338	1,736,465
Eggs	615,819	952,286	1,464,682	1,291,683	1,121,649
Meats—					
Beef, Mutton and Lamb	588,296	3,323,272	2,632,898	1,965,097	4,481,000
Pork	357,393	133,069	46,626	201,849	141,941
Preserved in tins	704,700	1,155,010	988,020	1,686,825	2,687,060
Rabbits and Hares	94,949	499,458	1,222,370	2,169,581	2,055,829
Other	144,496	497,417	900,854	1,032,099	1,353,167
Milk and Cream	88,610	258,549	201,277	195,632	585,641
Honey	12,360	269,280	259,504	440,967	175,100
Fruits—all kinds	947,693	2,238,332	2,940,077	3,409,594	2,142,309
Wheat and Flour		1,210,629	4,959,380	5,633,593	1,679,841
Oats			1,387,186	1,822,113	8,343
Jams and Jellies	50,898	271,480	239,988	651,468	910,042
Wine, fermented	19,522	67,614	88,545	96,313	25,542
Hides and Skins	297,455	752,318	1,056,453	1,233,538	1,490,189
Flax	271,988	261,897	88,746		
Wool	2,916,815	6,757,248	12,499,144	18,616,149	24,437,538
Tallow, unrefined	40,455	9,146	12,753	192,476	547,290
Lead (Pig)	68,178		245,620	49,999	194,916
Zinc (Bars, Blocks, &c.)	93,735	278,400	56,980	3,611	7,425
Implements and Machinery—Agricultural, &c.	55,323	20,850	35,529	55,119	41,838
Leather, &c.	262,616	363,990	375,765	306,594	321,868
Soap	215	115	391	19,853	21,944
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives ..	1,569	18,584	1,040	27,492	25,604
Bullion and Specie	26,411,224	6,652	604,969	1,497	345,393
All other Articles	562,660	1,552,718	2,207,635	3,169,213	4,561,822
Total	39,288,645	28,247,445	43,924,370	54,019,343	60,363,601

Trade with
Canada.

The value of the principal articles interchanged with Canada during each of the years 1945-46 to 1949-50 is shown in the following table :—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH CANADA, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

Articles.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	British Currency Values		Australian Currency Values.		
	£	£	£A.	£A.	£A.
<i>Imports—Articles of Canadian origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>					
Fish, preserved in tins	60,404	101,706	87,615	1,844	501
Yarns .. ..	..	25,321	65,365	30,038	..
Apparel	1,620	6,061	7,866	68	5
Pulp for Papermaking	127,732	66,488	112,639	..	..
Piece Goods—					
Silk	24,962	159,334	306,803	41,322	67,877
Other	101,719	184,146	402,290	221,500	63,640
Asbestos, Crude	29,342	41,280	35,150	37,841	93,501
Machines and Machinery—					
Electrical Machinery and appliances	54,697	38,020	111,913	175,433	260,431
Motor Car Engines (imported separately)	933	..	..	335	..
Other	48,263	81,473	204,488	221,992	206,059
Metals and Metal Manufactures—					
Iron and Steel	16,559	34,881	63,575	63,298	140,456
Nickel	532	5,883	5,052	2,297	1,803
Vehicles—					
Motor Car Chassis and Parts	716,398	1,627,426	1,473,616	1,315,937	1,525,429
Other	90,326	80,273	83,135	62,946	66,360
Other Metals, &c.	95,919	81,008	140,877	180,483	206,806
Timber	218,305	569,174	384,125	339,480	292,182
Paper—					
Newsprint	584,383	954,706	1,004,618	423,241	457,333
Other	21,111	176,442	339,290	1,123	550
Drugs and Chemicals	37,531	135,766	66,503	34,783	56,062
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	1,514	132	533	569	852
All other Articles	480,905	368,360	352,048	193,796	100,859
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	2,713,155	4,737,880	5,247,001	3,348,326	3,540,706
<i>Exports from Victorian ports to Canada.</i>					
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Butter .. ..	..	94,608	..	374,696	1,122
Sausage Casings	15,200	59,484	58,644	66,267	162,513
Fruits—					
Dried	422,080	466,482	71,278	1,074,815	1,015,526
Preserved in Liquid	5	..	..	156,148	150,795
Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors	13,693	7,999	8,767	9,650	9,255
Hides and Skins—					
Rabbit and Hare	260,295	114,980	22,884	48,110	3,946
Other	9,766	18,970	930	2,735	14,791
Wool	632,855	909,968	1,241,027	1,370,082	1,719,495
Vegetable Substances and Fibres	1,125	249	2,604	545	1,641
Tallow, unrefined	4,017	1,090	30,936	23,529	..
All other Articles	157,120	238,116	231,733	159,879	131,627
Total	1,516,156	1,911,946	1,668,803	3,286,456	3,210,111

Trade between Victoria and France virtually ceased when that country was occupied by Germany in 1940 and did not resume to any extent until the year 1945-46. Particulars of the value of the principal articles interchanged during each of the years 1945-46 to 1949-50 were as follows:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH FRANCE, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

Articles.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
<i>Imports — Articles of French origin imported into Victorian Ports.</i>	<i>British Currency Values.</i>		<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>		
	£	£	£A.	£A.	£A.
Textiles—					
Piece Goods ..	..	280,579	334,386	358,816	381,131
Floor Coverings ..	..	24,967	75,334	269	350
Apparel—					
Trimmings and Ornaments	93	96,115	344,963	289,817	458,396
Other	260	4,132	5,558	39,637	93,955
Yarns .. ..	..	..	26,271	182,447	54,168
Metals and Metal Manufactures ..	83	3,843	46,348	83,629	1,141,400
Pulp, Paper, and Board ..	..	19,021	70,332	65,164	90,244
Drugs and Chemicals..	1,955	28,825	56,125	87,324	147,056
Stationery and Books ..	1,132	14,939	33,064	9,235	3,483
Wine and Spirits ..	8	19,212	57,936	65,879	37,109
All other Articles ..	5,470	50,372	156,402	292,042	1,068,383
Total (excluding Outside Packages) ..	9,001	542,005	1,206,719	1,474,259	3,475,675
<i>Exports — From Victorian Ports to France</i>	<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>				
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Butter .. ..	..	..	..	4,480	6,246
Wheat .. ..	..	..	308,982	..	..
Oats .. ..	..	..	..	351,588	..
Maize .. ..	..	..	107,335	..	..
Flour (wheaten) ..	..	..	154,800	..	..
Hides and Skins ..	630,685	1,230,490	1,989,931	1,399,174	1,803,607
Wool	1,945,969	2,916,201	4,658,803	8,134,248	7,919,835
Rocks, Minerals, &c. ..	..	63,344	51,915	..	..
Non-Ferrous Alloys ..	..	133,711	..	..	..
Eucalyptus Oil ..	770	11,185	25,441	3,688	15,864
All other Articles ..	23,889	11,109	7,146	11,730	30,398
Total ..	2,601,313	4,366,040	7,304,353	9,904,908	9,775,950

The following table shows the values of the principal articles interchanged between Victoria and Italy during each of the years 1945-46 to 1949-50. During the war period trade with Italy was suspended.

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH ITALY 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

Articles.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
<i>Imports — Articles of Italian origin imported into Victorian Ports.</i>	<i>British Currency Values.</i>		<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>		
	£	£	£A.	£A.	£A.
Yarns .. ..	..	83	274,121	383,940	190,547
Textiles—					
Piece Goods ..	330	702,473	380,046	761,817	1,443,859
Other .. ..	..	31,499	89,236	15,062	67,786
Apparel .. ..	..	18,462	58,150	70,573	306,345
Nuts (edible) ..	..	..	24,797	35,716	79,631
Motor Vehicles—Bodies, Chassis, &c. ..	300	156	15,337	43,071	292,498
Machines and Machinery	2	1,385	19,422	90,941	184,032
Jewellery and Time-pieces .. ..	..	238	12,231	13,792	23,650
Musical Instruments ..	..	2,979	12,470	24,199	46,042
All other Articles ..	2,207	64,580	99,201	201,613	1,033,107
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	2,839	821,855	985,011	1,640,724	3,667,497
<i>Exports — From Victorian Ports to Italy.</i>	<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>				
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Meats	11,144	4,979	69,662	61,978	93,048
Barley (Pearl and Scotch) .. ..	..	..	407,889	37,099	..
Barley (unprepared) ..	..	..	..	414,940	12,046
Flour .. ..	..	..	139,814	..	169,593
Prepared Breakfast Foods—Oatmeal, &c. ..	..	..	528,480	1,439,905	1,050
Hides and Skins ..	..	49,847	37,277	168,048	131,544
Wool	87,838	2,237,479	1,991,442	6,281,070	4,418,668
Nickel .. ..	..	119,173	..	..	..
All other Articles ..	35,553	169,511	110,819	75,105	94,953
Total ..	134,535	2,580,989	3,285,383	8,478,145	4,920,902

As Belgium was occupied by Germany in 1940, trade between that country and Victoria was suspended during each of the years 1940-41 to 1944-45. Trade relations were resumed in 1945-46 and the value of the principal articles interchanged up to the year 1949-50 is shown in the following table :—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH
BELGIUM, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

Articles.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
<i>Imports — Articles of Belgian origin imported into Victorian Ports.</i>	<i>British Currency Values.</i>		<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>		
	£	£	£A.	£A.	£A.
Textiles—					
Piece Goods ..	1,123	301,982	899,895	414,073	32,193
Other .. ..	..	57,375	269,630	27,608	22
Yarns .. ..	..	4,301	649	197,732	96,101
Glass and Glassware ..	..	67,506	259,158	163,160	203,015
Pulp, Paper, and Board ..	..	2,150	37,094	119	305
Stationery and Books ..	..	2,989	3,128	1,180	1,853
Jewellery and Time-pieces ..	43,213	34,961	45,465	7,429	17,804
All other Articles ..	953	30,519	206,591	171,833	935,819
Total (excluding Outside Packages) ..	45,289	501,783	1,721,610	983,134	1,287,112
<i>Exports — From Victorian Ports to Belgium.</i>	<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>				
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Milk and Cream ..	..	4,388	57,395	26,413	18,819
Barley .. ..	..	126,883	..	..	36,890
Hides and Skins ..	224,247	373,310	214,174	418,827	366,827
Wool	1,019,813	2,572,330	2,214,094	1,511,405	2,065,596
Oatmeal, Wheatmeal, and Rolled Oats ..	..	..	115,748	22,071	..
Meats	670	11,565	62,804	80,581	44,914
Metals, &c.—					
Lead	1,256	22,212	41,055	57,487	625
Other .. ..	..	853	35,348	8,613	17,053
All other Articles ..	28,233	129,504	81,796	49,537	162,015
Total ..	1,274,219	3,241,045	2,822,414	2,174,934	2,712,739

Trade with
India and
Ceylon.

The values of the principal articles interchanged between Victoria and India and Ceylon for each of the years 1945-46 to 1949-50, are shown in the following table:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH INDIA AND CEYLON, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

Articles.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	<i>British Currency Values.</i>		<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>		
<i>Imports—Articles of Indian and Cingalese origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>	£	£	£A.	£A.	£A.
Cocoa Beans	3,186	6,748	10,346	6,507	9,042
Nuts (edible)	67,562	163,441	342,607	240,879	296,559
Spices	64,608	39,872	10,913	25,038	67,909
Tea	1,566,004	2,017,424	3,879,471	2,744,395	4,304,162
Hides and Skins	31,062	89,243	62,451	55,502	1,064
Fibres	316,335	644,475	1,122,333	1,255,954	531,135
Gums and Resins	25,251	46,805	54,523	53,334	45,209
Seeds—					
Linseed	174,600	111,265	152,972	177,597	174,846
Other	163,378	169,819	1,425		11,933
Apparel	35,211	21,088	11,756	5,265	7,152
Textiles—					
Piece Goods—					
Canvas and Duck	22,942	34,969	78,670	73,716	75,613
Cotton and Linen	641,596	761,813	621,277	791,150	1,162,325
Hessians	344,636	337,719	416,395	428,202	469,698
Other	10,994	3,615	10,406	18,158	25,914
Floor Coverings	33,484	385,053	73,060	64,919	79,843
Other Textiles	127,807	49,362	97,930	55,047	45,672
Bags and Sacks	531,554	1,518,154	3,389,582	2,532,434	3,233,790
Cordage and Twine	90				1,933
Yarns	112,604	76,569	26,692	26,892	16,070
Oil—					
Linseed		9,641	318,936	129,982	184,952
Castor		13,826	239,810	40,627	
Waxes	60,218	94,616	171,777	101,452	56,831
Rubber, &c.	1,106,595	514,531	97,285	63,328	30,208
All other Articles	139,097	150,348	193,048	512,292	752,160
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	5,578,814	7,260,396	11,383,665	9,402,670	11,584,020
<i>Exports from Victorian ports to India and Ceylon.</i>					
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Butter	456,040	112,996	177,564	188,328	274,052
Cheese	256,338	127,285	45,344	147,089	102,537
Meats	670,190	152,348	135,498	45,075	39,841
Milk and Cream	843,847	753,569	693,581	718,324	534,230
Biscuits	273,616	13,309	2,252	81	29
Hay and Chaff	108	3,101	1,810	1,956	4,273
Fruits (all kinds)	203,673	80,987	39,649	83,110	52,123
Wheat		7,518	7,156,883	1,552,363	5,959,971
Flour	1,769,894	2,184,350	2,934,087	3,634,346	3,066,399
Other Grain and Pulse	114,861	312,107	293,795	895,383	138,985
Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors—					
Ale and Beer	3,528	137	932	24	70
Other	81,325	19,189	3,318	11,727	2,457

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH INDIA AND
CEYLON, 1945-46 TO 1949-50—continued.

Articles.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>				
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
<i>Exports from Victorian ports to India and Ceylon—continued.</i>					
Jams and Jellies	500,093	74,214	42,714	9,845	15,236
Vegetables	1,168,500	98,699	127,412	16,189	10,155
Horses	9,145	50,324	13,189	6,741	3,847
Wool	1,287,883	607,683	869,112	1,154,095	193,783
Apparel—					
Underwear	7,609	10,812	4,460	912	..
Other	54,799	115,355	18,051	6,630	514
Yarns, Wool	13,811	14,783	37,158	36,657	..
Tallow, unrefined	23,957	83,815	148,406	104,275	82,762
Zinc (bars, blocks, &c.)	865,333	1,151,623	114,506	..	76,137
Soap	7,564	3,591	25	..	128
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	288	8,304	..	5	78,229
All other Articles	1,043,272	1,330,735	819,292	579,607	347,716
Total	9,655,674	7,316,834	13,679,038	9,192,762	10,983,474

Trade with
New Zealand.

The values of the principal articles interchanged with New Zealand for each of the years 1945-46 to 1949-50 were as follows:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH
NEW ZEALAND, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

Articles.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	<i>British Currency Values.</i>		<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>		
	£	£	£A.	£A.	£A.
<i>Imports—Articles of New Zealand origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>					
Fish	113,207	144,077	149,068	171,544	139,125
Milk and Cream	3,217	..	..	20	5,546
Meats	18,380	36,680	16,974	22,386	15,477
Grain and Pulse	31,412	46,540	47,193	21,406	52,276
Animals (horses, cattle, sheep, and pigs)	47,606	64,342	62,675	54,732	28,763
Hides and Skins	303,249	421,465	111,667	43,616	18,464
Wool	4,791	272,618	443,630	314,186	507,330
Crockery and Householdware	1,078	7,667	24,729	37,118	14,304
Seeds	231,204	181,302	96,101	112,951	188,044
Timber	73,423	40,870	76,100	226,384	156,400
Gold and Silver	88,766	114,933	66,946	155,834	1,219,415
All other Articles	201,987	216,649	255,712	273,423	224,244
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	1,118,320	1,547,143	1,350,795	1,433,600	2,569,388

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH NEW ZEALAND,
1945-46 TO 1949-50—continued.

Articles.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>				
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
<i>Exports from Victorian ports to New Zealand.</i>					
Eggs	17,455	122,382	72,101	254,656	173,722
Fruits, all kinds	297,982	254,487	445,280	659,110	710,368
Grain and Pulse—					
Wheat .. .. .	..	304,177	13,306	219,305	1,487,352
Flour	5,233	4,264	..	..	1,054
Rice and Rice Meal	552	36,225	22,975	17,026	36,121
Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors	45,161	87,895	130,879	102,515	150,547
Wool	13,961	38,593	122,377	281,963	200,871
Apparel	75,208	102,695	106,102	23,953	23,104
Textiles	184,276	268,634	609,364	320,280	305,067
Yarns and Manufactured Fibres ..	186,815	398,074	436,010	289,854	264,127
Oils	8,410	12,048	14,724	8,673	17,701
Machines and Machinery ..	179,438	330,197	524,564	496,095	587,268
Metal Manufactures	165,487	325,516	528,873	545,474	608,720
Rubber Manufactures	170,827	314,096	148,611	37,329	20,094
Leather, &c.	50,990	107,160	57,343	42,248	59,947
Books	44,986	123,445	101,032	76,007	114,799
Photographic goods and materials	28,065	101,112	182,534	137,510	230,131
Drugs and Chemicals	43,225	154,149	232,426	171,429	248,823
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	108,464	85,117	80,814	119,804	171,965
All other Articles	546,886	708,702	635,861	684,687	821,629
Australian produce	2,051,507	3,785,488	4,326,335	4,334,863	6,065,675
Other produce	121,914	93,480	138,841	153,055	167,735
Total	2,173,421	3,878,968	4,465,176	4,487,918	6,233,410

Trade with
United States
of America.

The values of the principal articles interchanged between Victoria and the United States of America for each of the years 1945-46 to 1949-50 are shown in the following table :—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

Articles.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	British Currency Values.		Australian Currency Values.		
	£	£	£A.	£A.	£A.
<i>Imports—Articles of United States origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>					
Sausage Casings	23,718	66,370	87,996	82,201	39,174
Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes ..	1,459,472	1,090,863	2,009,673	1,398,425	1,946,379
Cotton, raw	125,231	92,936	180,278	134,472	13
Gums, Resins, Balsams, and Rosin ..	72,508	167,467	106,261	77,240	76,616
Plastic Materials	561,268	258,064	522,233	250,564	319,815
Textiles—					
Piece Goods	731,013	1,366,386	5,991,295	1,002,788	570,557
Other	412,932	35,986	90,110	914	1,327
Manufactured Fibres and Yarns ..	86,319	45,537	1,131,094	358,675	45,825
Oils	1,282,582	1,248,204	2,528,701	2,211,533	1,491,336
Pigments, Paints and Varnishes ..	147,308	146,437	186,716	234,565	214,618
Asphalt, Bitumen, and Pitch ..	65,449	14,990	13,930	1,868	769
Electrical Machines and Appliances ..	595,053	296,438	501,791	381,017	394,244
Metal Working Machinery	128,214	228,522	925,063	313,542	330,269
Motive Power Machinery—					
Aircraft Engines and Parts	101,355	165,664	388,081	343,876	16,228
Other	932,212	1,151,546	1,426,179	1,962,218	3,149,363
Roller Bearings and Ball Bearings ..	138,489	78,469	467,937	280,661	422,525
Other Machines and Machinery ..	631,967	904,572	1,318,834	1,247,255	2,230,932
Metals and Metal Manufactures—					
Iron and Steel	1,719,075	1,638,368	2,109,640	1,515,861	1,953,258
Tools of Trade	265,631	52,432	133,634	47,633	71,347
Vehicles and Parts—					
Motor Bodies, Chassis, &c. ..	1,458,405	1,169,011	1,463,657	997,218	1,665,690
Aircraft	1,925,351	1,163,273	778,244	1,123,901	572,379
Other	27,673	220,632	243,156	243,225	351,588
Other Metals, &c.	189,187	153,263	398,406	324,982	466,230
Rubber, &c.	62,565	199,591	259,532	127,135	228,850
Timber	94,925	88,764	524,684	331,704	463,400
Glass and Glassware	23,657	48,291	97,468	12,947	20,003
Pulp for Papermaking	120,050	26,903	373,473	13,515	3,429
Paper and Board	400,087	460,176	737,448	130,457	148,927
Stationery, &c.	146,668	199,801	194,934	166,334	147,322
Jewellery, Timepieces, and Fancy Goods, &c.	16,893	17,384	14,384	7,564	5,868
Optical, Surgical, and Scientific Instruments	366,947	286,480	251,925	145,704	196,013
Sulphur (Brimstone)	147,599	318,193	275,611	311,105	473,447
Drugs and Chemicals	360,477	389,343	619,425	367,433	292,329
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives ..	790,105	17,204	9,735	26,102	3,862
Fire Brigade and Life Saving Appliances	914	3,502	1,167	552	3,630
Vessels (Ships)	58	121		20,772	
All other Articles	356,482	421,501	679,390	248,585	348,903
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	15,972,839	14,227,684	27,042,090	16,444,543	18,666,465

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 1945-46 TO 1949-50—continued.

Articles.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	Australian Currency Values.				
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
<i>Exports from Victorian ports to the United States.</i>					
Sausage Casings	101,064	119,538	102,335	104,464	335,512
Rabbits and Hares (frozen) ..		3	26,044	92,289	129,785
Hides and Skins	3,201,534	3,028,945	1,758,192	1,157,615	1,784,411
Wool	5,079,181	8,710,721	8,041,527	5,298,859	11,654,821
Seeds—Agricultural and Vegetable	49,367	83,594	94,676	105,809	134,722
Vegetable Fibres—Rag, Clippings, &c. ..	78,767	38,818	39,225	11,752	26,128
Machines and Machinery	5,196	3,642	23,258	20,460	19,043
Lead (Pig)	5,552			28,068	
Iron and Steel—scrap			2,275	74,863	31,845
Zinc (Spelter)—Bars, Blocks, &c. ..	90,927			4,573	
Leather, &c.	9,830	19,768	2,958	9,002	4,981
Eucalyptus Oil	64,701	109,859	57,559	28,925	22,111
All other Articles	685,105	670,126	497,241	809,522	421,139
Total	9,371,224	12,785,014	10,650,290	7,746,201	14,564,498

Principal
Exports—
Quantities
and Values.

Particulars relating to quantities and values of the principal commodities exported from Victorian ports to oversea countries are given in the following table:—

PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED OVERSEAS FROM
VICTORIAN PORTS DURING EACH OF THE YEARS
1946-47 TO 1949-50.

(AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.)

Commodity.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49.	1949-50.
Wool—				
Greasy { lb. 193,595,564 172,361,720 229,736,479 228,963,233				
£ 20,799,838 29,605,003 49,294,258 65,602,743				
Scoured and Washed .. { lb. 44,391,722 40,605,587 41,428,700 40,345,176				
£ 6,658,839 7,247,658 8,882,898 11,995,200				
Tops, Noils, and Waste .. { lb. 9,845,839 8,939,815 8,542,137 6,948,949				
£ 2,157,926 2,132,359 2,144,909 1,547,306				
Butter { lb. 82,594,500 82,259,802 74,548,505 79,880,052				
£ 7,766,346 9,212,338 9,848,294 11,224,357				
Wheat { cents 410,976 7,935,448 5,817,051 10,116,164				
£ 312,072 11,626,097 6,943,781 13,278,364				
Flour (wheaten) { cents 4,429,523 5,913,322 5,457,734 5,825,387				
£ 7,025,624 11,653,993 10,802,761 9,535,345				

PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED OVERSEAS FROM VICTORIAN PORTS
DURING EACH OF THE YEARS 1946-47 TO 1949-50—*continued.*
(*Australian Currency Values.*)

Commodity.				1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49.	1949-50.
Fruits—							
Dried	{	lb.	70,682,940	63,918,567	89,417,178	68,574,973	
		£	1,682,138	1,554,839	2,404,127	1,969,259	
Fresh	{	lb.	19,131,200	32,171,900	39,476,100	31,379,900	
		£	477,743	657,620	875,282	779,931	
Preserved in Liquid	{	lb.	45,197,285	60,326,484	81,817,460	59,576,810	
		£	1,368,813	1,843,754	2,761,821	2,066,766	
Meats—							
Beef (frozen) ..	{	lb.	17,909,891	4,121,732	2,426,953	1,493,865	
		£	445,946	137,160	122,896	59,173	
Lamb (frozen) ..	{	lb.	79,827,160	66,926,694	45,879,001	82,685,038	
		£	2,576,358	2,558,208	1,867,851	3,787,556	
Mutton (frozen)	{	lb.	29,936,686	10,815,783	12,620,225	47,773,953	
		£	486,341	213,859	278,064	1,121,897	
Pork (frozen) ..	{	lb.	4,013,637	1,160,739	3,212,503	2,066,625	
		£	169,480	73,765	212,424	168,471	
Poultry (frozen)		£	221,147	595,112	644,470	753,052	
Rabbits and Hares (frozen)	{	pairs	4,528,137	9,422,193	14,993,415	12,517,165	
		£	528,825	1,353,986	2,390,701	2,259,068	
Preserved in tins	{	lb.	34,444,231	26,543,062	46,460,459	46,249,014	
		£	2,061,345	1,525,841	2,545,970	3,336,400	
Sausage Casings	{	cwt.	10,437	9,115	8,776	17,558	
		£	271,727	329,684	386,030	80,314	
All other		£	578,379	379,846	421,321	625,989	
Milk and Cream ..		£	2,733,230	2,961,437	3,271,799	4,052,643	
Hides and Skins—							
Sheep (with wool)	{	lb.	54,476,850	32,038,120	30,768,333	39,655,520	
		£	3,379,693	3,246,515	3,230,725	4,431,736	
Calf, Cattle, Horse	{	No.	25,883	31,321	73,479	81,169	
		£	67,295	103,680	219,167	266,893	
Rabbit and Hare	{	lb.	4,947,452	5,520,569	4,110,507	3,989,228	
		£	2,020,950	1,786,345	1,142,571	598,594	
Other Skins		£	273,651	92,478	70,066	648,640	
Tallow (unrefined)	{	cwt.	16,895	30,324	56,573	176,293	
		£	94,682	195,140	340,858	725,447	
Eggs in shell ..	{	dozen	3,479,898	4,195,405	5,128,724	7,390,064	
		£	230,238	461,553	601,628	975,933	
Eggs not in shell		£	895,374	1,103,221	978,966	459,474	
Cheese	{	lb.	30,311,114	25,575,894	29,536,079	30,758,678	
		£	1,430,698	1,697,685	2,169,093	2,492,614	

Ships' Stores.

Prior to 1906 goods shipped at Victorian ports on board oversea vessels as ships' stores were included in particulars of exports. From 1906 the information has been excluded from the export figures. The nature and value of these stores shipped during each of the years 1945-46 to 1949-50 are given in the following table:—

VICTORIA—VALUE OF STORES SHIPPED ON OVERSEA VESSELS, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>					
	£A	£A	£A	£A.	£A.
Ale, Beer, and Porter	24,371	19,442	20,271	28,343	27,511
Butter	16,270	13,859	28,159	53,752	50,660
Cheese	4,293	3,762	4,401	6,108	12,670
Coal (Bunker)	7,063	13,178	10,717	2,147	102
Coffee, Cocoa, and Chocolate	6,940	5,631	5,695	8,000	16,752
Cordage and Twines	6,201	3,276	2,739	2,799	4,765
Eggs	7,894	9,131	17,194	29,358	45,869
Fish	22,106	25,295	47,236	48,983	47,759
Fruits (all kinds)	16,986	16,155	19,778	22,005	46,238
Fruit and Vegetables (in liquid)	6,366	4,896	3,549	8,685	15,636
Vegetables	14,962	15,212	20,757	34,979	39,690
Flour (wheaten)	12,029	17,939	14,916	56,756	35,362
Rice	4,245	5,150	15,869	20,627	28,682
Jams and Jellies	3,388	2,158	2,064	4,293	5,579
Meats	110,845	113,687	143,501	208,835	284,021
Milk and Cream (preserved)	13,949	12,583	14,030	48,009	34,288
Oils for use as fuel in vessels	567,011	372,934	452,992	463,264	274,623
Oils for use as fuel in aircraft .. ..	..	6,723	8,694	1,203	2,896
Oils, other	29,056	38,331	29,847	42,085	42,009
Paints and Colours	25,962	18,691	11,611	11,260	11,983
Potatoes	11,510	10,505	10,061	11,859	20,509
Spirits	6,523	4,525	6,044	5,726	6,776
Sugar	5,712	5,239	7,457	10,636	19,752
Tea	7,783	6,356	9,183	6,861	7,398
Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes	19,886	20,260	12,363	11,306	15,044
All other Articles	118,418	111,308	182,302	153,803	272,673
Australian Produce	470,763	533,854	787,957	1,145,721	1,251,331
Other Produce	599,006	342,372	313,473	155,961	117,916
Total	1,069,769	876,226	1,101,430	1,301,682	1,369,247

**Customs
and Excise
Revenue.**

The overseas trade and the gross revenue collected at Victorian ports, during the year 1949-50, are shown in the following statement:—

OVERSEA TRADE AND GROSS REVENUE COLLECTED AT VICTORIAN PORTS, 1949-50.

(Australian Currency Values.)

—	Melbourne.	Geelong.	Portland.	Essendon Airport.	Parcels Post.	Total.
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Overseas Trade—						
Imports ..	176,452,096	6,013,783	352,166	269,650	1,169,053	184,256,748
Exports ..	145,121,703	18,430,003	2,167,837	53,574	423,456	166,196,573
Total ..	321,573,799	24,443,786	2,520,003	323,224	1,592,509	350,453,321
Gross Revenue—						
Customs Duties	24,040,603	689,082	292,424	14,701	62,972	25,099,782
Excise Duties	20,235,629	86,089	..	..	..	20,321,718
Primage ..	1,884,248	51,357	34,137	1,610	6,943	1,978,295
Other Sources	164,964	566	..	23	23	165,576
Total ..	46,325,444	827,094	326,561	16,334	69,938	47,565,371*

* After deducting £1,301,958 for Refunds and Drawbacks, &c., the net revenue was £46,263,413.

Interstate Trade.

On the 13th September, 1910, the Commonwealth Government abandoned the collecting and recording of information relating to Interstate imports and exports, but, at the Statisticians' Conference held in 1926 at Perth, it was resolved that action should be taken by the Statistician of each State (with the exception of Western Australia and Tasmania where schemes for collecting interstate trade statistics were in force) with a view to obtaining a record of the principal items of interstate trade. It has not been possible to obtain complete information regarding the interstate trade of Victoria. Returns have been received from the Harbor Trusts, but the Railways Department, owing to staff difficulties, has been unable to supply any information since February, 1942. The amount of goods transported by road is not available.

SHIPPING.**Vessels entered and cleared.**

Victorian shipping, as dealt with in the succeeding tables, refers to vessels trading with other States and oversea countries; the tonnage quoted is net. Public vessels which were exclusively engaged in the transport of troops, equipment and war supplies and vessels trading on the Victorian coast and on the River Murray are not included. Coastal shipping is included in the particulars of the shipping at Victorian ports (page 362).

The number of vessels entered and cleared, and their total tonnage in each of the five years 1946-1950, were as follows:—

**VICTORIA—OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE SHIPPING,
1945-46 TO 1949-50.**

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
Vessels Entered—					
Number	1,442	1,679	1,846	2,068	2,315
Net tonnage ..	3,485,783	4,844,421	5,679,722	7,054,653	8,305,761
Average net tonnage	2,417	2,885	3,076	3,411	3,588
Vessels Cleared—					
Number	1,434	1,659	1,825	2,079	2,314
Net tonnage ..	3,482,275	4,804,031	5,608,437	7,091,571	8,301,760
Average net tonnage	2,428	2,896	3,073	3,411	3,588

For the twelve months ended 30th June, 1950, steamers (including oil-burning vessels) numbered 2,157 of the vessels entered and 2,153 of the vessels cleared, their tonnage aggregating 8,286,339 and 8,280,594 respectively. The inward shipping included 62 vessels in ballast, of an aggregate tonnage of 232,459, while the outward shipping included 420 vessels in ballast, having an aggregate tonnage of 1,506,281.

Shipping with
various
countries.

The principal countries having shipping communication with Victoria are set out in the following statement.

Voyages and tonnages of vessels arriving from or departing to particular countries are recorded against one country only, notwithstanding that the same vessel on the same voyage may carry cargo or passengers to or from Victoria from or to several countries. Thus vessels calling at New Zealand on voyages to and from United States of America or Canada are not shown in shipping communication with New Zealand and likewise vessels calling at ports *en route* to and from the United Kingdom are credited to the United Kingdom only. To this extent the records are misleading.

VICTORIA—SHIPPING WITH VARIOUS COUNTRIES, 1949-50.

Countries.	Vessels Entered.				Vessels Cleared.			
	Steamers.*		Sailing Vessels.		Steamers.*		Sailing Vessels.	
	Num-ber.	Net Tonnage.	Num-ber.	Net Tonnage.	Num-ber.	Net Tonnage.	Num-ber.	Net Tonnage.
Other Australian States ..	1,175	3,225,722	154	18,902	1,393	4,344,810	155	19,271
United Kingdom ..	297	1,967,669	..	..	175	1,292,231	..	..
New Zealand ..	46	157,354	2	310	45	171,751	4	620
India ..	63	246,312	..	..	71	326,054	..	..
Straits Settlements ..	57	260,585	..	..	34	158,220	..	..
Other British ..	135	590,721	2	210	131	536,731	1	55
Total British Countries	1,773	6,448,363	158	19,422	1,849	6,829,797	160	19,946
Japan ..	31	105,608	..	..	29	115,664	..	..
United States of Indonesia ..	32	196,998	..	..	34	214,568	..	..
United States of America ..	70	303,123	..	..	37	163,024	..	..
Other Foreign ..	251	1,232,247	..	..	205	958,761	..	..
Total Foreign Countries	384	1,837,976	..	..	305	1,452,017	..	..
Grand Total ..	2,157	8,286,339	158	19,422	2,154	8,281,814	160	19,946

* Includes oil-burning vessels.

**Nationality
of vessels.**

The nationality of vessels which entered or were cleared at Victorian ports for the year 1949-50 was as follows:—

VICTORIA—NATIONALITY OF SHIPPING, 1949-50.

Nationality.	Vessels Entered.		Vessels Cleared.	
	Number.	Net Tonnage.	Number.	Net Tonnage.
British—				
Australian	976	1,251,001	981	1,264,174
United Kingdom	856	4,982,546	856	4,976,924
Canadian	8	34,452	10	43,011
Hong Kong	20	68,264	19	65,685
New Zealand	36	55,670	34	47,504
South African	2	6,834	2	6,834
Other British	16	37,092	14	32,551
Total British	1,914	6,435,859	1,916	6,436,683
Foreign—				
Danish	23	77,864	25	83,475
French	10	48,639	10	48,638
Dutch	41	214,041	40	208,941
Italian	30	157,543	32	169,617
Norwegian	118	497,371	117	494,739
Swedish	58	188,177	52	162,341
United States of America ..	59	340,215	59	346,632
Other Foreign	62	346,052	63	350,694
Total Foreign	401	1,869,902	398	1,865,077
Grand Total	2,315	8,305,761	2,314	8,301,760

**Shipping
entered at
Victorian
Ports.**

Particulars of shipping—oversea, interstate, and intra-state—which entered each port of Victoria are given in the following statement for the year ended 30th June, 1950.

VICTORIA—VESSELS ENTERED AT EACH PORT, 1949-50.

Route.	Melbourne.		Geelong.		Portland.	
	Number.	Net Tonnage.	Number.	Net Tonnage.	Number.	Net Tonnage.
Oversea—						
Steam*	367	1,722,106	27	106,884	..	..
Sailing	2	310	..	..	..	..
Interstate—†						
Steam	1,669	6,123,035	86	288,470	8	45,844
Sailing	156	19,112	..	..	..	..
Oversea, <i>via</i> Ports—						
Steam* and Sailing ..	19	81,963	38	180,503	10	59,871
Interstate <i>via</i> Ports—						
Steam* and Sailing ..	19	66,676	4	13,856	1	5,529
Local (within the State)—						
Steam* and Sailing ..	56	225,604	51	166,659	..	..
Total—						
Steam* and Sailing ..	2,288	8,238,806	206	756,372	19	111,244

NOTE.—“Ports” means Victorian ports.

* Includes oil-burning vessels.

† Including “Oversea *via* States”.

Cargo discharged and shipped. Statistics relating to the tonnage of cargo discharged and shipped in Victoria during the year ended 30th June, 1950, are shown in the following tables. One shows the tonnage of interstate and overseas cargo handled at each port in the State, and the other the tonnage of overseas cargo discharged and shipped in Victoria according to the nationality of the vessels in which the cargo was carried.

VICTORIA—TONNAGE OF INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA CARGO DISCHARGED AND SHIPPED AT EACH PORT DURING THE YEAR 1949-50.

Port.	Discharged.				Shipped.			
	Interstate (Tons).		Oversea (Tons).		Interstate (Tons).		Oversea (Tons).	
	Weight.	Measure.	Weight.	Measure.	Weight.	Measure.	Weight.	Measure.
Melbourne ..	1,629,756	237,622	2,270,588	1,285,617	435,600	244,361	570,475	457,197
Geelong ..	147,173	527	372,225	23,299	10,945	1,551	480,714	868
Portland ..	3,947	..	43,551	..	..	..	10,583	..
Total ..	1,780,876	238,149	2,686,364	1,308,916	446,545	245,912	1,061,772	458,065

VICTORIA—TONNAGE OF OVERSEA CARGO DISCHARGED AND SHIPPED DURING THE YEAR 1949-50 ACCORDING TO THE NATIONALITY OF VESSELS.

Nationality of Vessels.	Discharged.		Shipped.	
	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.
British—				
Australian	2,307	5,865	2,169	24
United Kingdom	1,801,543	887,438	808,699	338,299
Canadian	1,139	9,011	1,191	2,855
Hong Kong	14,905	8,325	9,208	6,647
New Zealand	14,849	22,737	261	27,736
South African		639	4,994	106
Other British	7,991	8,142	2,431	15,519
Total (British)	1,842,234	942,157	828,953	391,186
Foreign—				
Danish	17,655	34,652	6,963	1,067
French	8,816	5,306	11,736	2,206
Dutch	62,566	48,071	21,873	15,895
Italian	1,665	16,848	13,796	2,670
Norwegian	369,820	125,256	99,196	18,647
Swedish	33,649	82,049	41,699	5,067
United States of America	42,769	42,898	27,333	18,520
Other Foreign	307,190	11,679	10,223	2,807
Total (Foreign)	844,130	366,759	232,819	66,879
Grand Total	2,686,364	1,308,916	1,061,772	458,065

PRINCIPAL PORTS OF VICTORIA.

Port of Melbourne. The Port of Melbourne which is under the control of the Melbourne Harbor Trust, had 11·69 miles of wharfs, piers, and jetties in the Yarra River, Victoria Dock, Maribyrnong River, and Hobson's Bay at 31st December, 1950. The area of these wharfs, &c., is 58 acres, and there are 30½ acres of sheds. Reference to the constitution of the Trust and the revenue and expenditure thereof are shown in part "Local Government".

Trade of the Port of Melbourne. During the year 1950, vessels to the number of 2,352 (1,301 steamers, 909 motor vessels, and 142 sailing vessels) with registered gross tonnage aggregating 14,454,515 berthed within the Port. Total imports in 1950 amounted to 5,981,697 tons, of which 2,646,678 tons were interstate and coastal cargo. Exports totalled 1,562,768 tons, including interstate and coastal tonnage, amounting to 649,653. Coal formed a great part of the interstate imports. Excluding 52,641 tons transhipped to vessels and 15,380 tons kept on board and landed at Geelong, or other ports, or used for bunkers, the quantity imported during 1950 amounted to 1,265,899 tons.

**Port of
Geelong.**

The Port of Geelong is controlled by the Geelong Harbor Trust. The number of berthings of vessels visiting the port during 1950 was 343 and represented 1,560,981 gross tonnage. Imports and exports for that period aggregated 655,393 and 610,424 tons respectively.

POSTS, TELEGRAPHS, TELEPHONES, AND WIRELESS.

The Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act (63 and 64 Vict., Chapter 12) provided, in section 51, power to make laws with respect to *inter alia*, "postal, telegraphic, telephonic, and other like services".

These services are under the control of the Postmaster-General of the Commonwealth of Australia. Information given in the following tables refers only to the Victorian activities of the Department.

**Post Offices,
Mails, &c.**

The number of post offices and the number of mails despatched and received in each of the five years 1945-46 to 1949-50 are given hereunder.

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF POST OFFICES AND MAILS, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

Year ended 30th June—				Number of Post Offices.*	Number of Mails—	
					Despatched.	Received.
1946	..	..	..	2,484	2,321,749	2,106,878
1947	..	..	..	2,470	2,347,028	2,137,329
1948	..	..	..	2,470	2,303,369	2,097,735
1949	..	..	..	2,463	2,366,947	2,162,677
1950	..	..	..	2,455	2,403,475	2,266,793

* Excluding "Telephone" offices at which telegraph and telephone business only is transacted, viz., 1945-46, 229; 1946-47, 231; 1947-48, 226; 1948-49, 220; and 1949-50, 225.

Postal
Returns—
Victoria.

Particulars relating to the number of letters, packets, and newspapers dealt with during 1948-49 and 1949-50 are given hereunder.

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF LETTERS, PACKETS, AND NEWSPAPERS DEALT WITH, 1948-49 AND 1949-50.

Particulars.	Year ended 30th June, 1949.			Year ended 30th June, 1950.		
	Letters, Post-cards, Letter-cards.	Newspapers and Packets.	Total.	Letters, Post-cards, Letter-cards.	Newspapers and Packets.	Total.
<i>Posted for delivery—</i>	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Within the Commonwealth ..	289,563,500	49,391,200	338,954,700	311,927,100	50,276,900	362,204,000
Beyond the Commonwealth—						
Despatched	10,176,700	2,801,700	12,978,400	11,773,600	2,606,900	14,380,500
Received ..	11,964,000	5,865,700	17,829,700	10,698,000	6,682,600	17,380,600
Total ..	311,704,200	58,058,600	369,762,800	334,398,700	59,566,400	393,965,100

The number of registered articles posted and received and particulars concerning parcels post are shown below.

VICTORIA—REGISTERED ARTICLES AND PARCELS POST, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

Year ended 30th June—	Registered Articles (other than Parcels).				Parcels Post.*			
	Posted for Delivery—		Total Posted in Commonwealth.	Received from Beyond the Commonwealth.	Posted for Delivery—		Total Posted in Commonwealth.	Received from Beyond the Commonwealth.
	Within the Commonwealth.	Beyond the Commonwealth.			Within the Commonwealth.	Beyond the Commonwealth.		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1946 ..	4,745,700	52,000	4,797,700	100,500	4,256,500	900,300	5,156,800	175,700
1947 ..	4,702,400	92,000	4,884,400	123,400	4,280,200	1,204,300	5,484,500	127,300
1948 ..	4,932,400	103,200	5,035,600	137,400	4,560,700	1,407,900	5,968,600	134,800
1949 ..	5,189,000	117,600	5,306,600	152,900	4,328,300	980,500	5,308,800	142,800
1950 ..	4,689,300	92,300	4,781,600	163,600	4,429,400	697,500	5,126,900	167,100

* Including Registered Value payable and Duty Parcels.

**Dead Letters—
Victoria.**

During 1949-50 there were 245,199 letters, &c., and 83,717 packets, &c., returned direct to writers or delivered; 30,139 letters, &c., and 96,934 packets, &c., were destroyed in accordance with the Post and Telegraph Act; and 24,383 letters, &c., and 2,140 packets, &c., were returned, as unclaimed, to other countries. Money and valuables to the amount of £77,794 were found in postal articles sent to the Dead Letter Office as undeliverable. Of 59,423 postal articles posted without address, 173 contained money and valuables amounting to £4,454.

**Money Orders
and Postal
Notes.**

The following table shows the total number and value of money orders and postal notes issued and paid in each of the five years 1945-46 to 1949-50:—

**VICTORIA—MONEY ORDERS AND POSTAL NOTES, 1945-46
TO 1949-50.**

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
Number of Money Order Offices open	862	862	860	879	902
Money Orders Issued—					
Intra-state .. { Number ..	571,575	626,868	694,424	746,451	847,669
.. { Amount £	4,962,914	5,340,591	5,877,456	6,408,132	7,301,011
Interstate .. { Number ..	141,062	149,950	114,606	132,144	142,917
.. { Amount £	859,051	832,129	823,888	907,097	1,023,558
Beyond the Com- { Number ..	17,214	16,772	20,730	25,495	34,856
monwealth .. { Amount £	39,912	45,447	65,374	90,487	139,747
Total .. { Number ..	729,851	793,590	829,760	904,090	1,025,442
.. { Amount £	5,861,877	6,218,167	6,766,718	7,405,716	8,464,316
Money Orders Paid—					
Intra-state .. { Number ..	572,007	626,781	693,308	745,460	847,668
.. { Amount £	5,062,914	5,351,082	5,877,442	6,342,074	7,301,293
Interstate .. { Number ..	215,336	208,818	219,814	221,892	228,521
.. { Amount £	1,283,043	1,300,576	1,364,922	1,519,167	1,540,097
Beyond the Com- { Number ..	20,321	30,687	40,636	38,879	35,551
monwealth .. { Amount £	103,628	132,491	162,225	159,806	153,576
Total .. { Number ..	807,664	866,286	953,758	1,006,231	1,111,740
.. { Amount £	6,449,585	6,784,149	7,404,589	8,021,047	8,994,966
Postal Notes—					
Issued .. { Number ..	7,396,752	8,787,712	9,939,752	10,671,781	11,574,282
.. { Amount £	2,644,900	3,090,034	3,526,456	3,826,066	4,217,222
Paid—Issued with- { Number ..	3,876,187	4,319,501	4,723,365	4,980,932	5,402,131
in the State .. { Amount £	1,552,195	1,742,278	1,949,009	2,108,863	2,337,048
Paid — Issued in { Number ..	942,583	798,458	848,232	830,835	882,388
other States .. { Amount £	512,732	350,126	376,755	368,177	392,678

Of the money orders issued in 1949-50, 990,586 for £8,324,569 were payable in the Commonwealth of Australia, 2,764 for £6,554 in New Zealand, 22,665 for £84,926 in the United Kingdom, and 9,427 for £48,267 in other countries. The orders paid included 1,076,189 for £8,841,390 issued in the Commonwealth, 7,745 for £19,326 in New Zealand, 23,147 for £110,680 in the United Kingdom, and 4,659 for £23,570 in other countries.

Telegraphs and Telegrams. The following table gives particulars relating to the telegraph business during each of the five years 1945-46 to 1949-50 :—

VICTORIA—TELEGRAPH BUSINESS, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Number of Telegraph Offices (including Railway Telegraph Offices)	2,404	2,402	2,429	2,420	2,443
Telegrams—					
Within the Commonwealth—					
Paid and Collect Telegrams					
Despatched—					
Ordinary, Urgent, and Press	8,110,736	7,498,130	7,662,566	7,767,352	7,535,803
Lettergrams	25,803	25,492	21,887	19,992	19,998
Radiograms	3,559	5,113	2,356	3,278	4,775
Unpaid Telegrams Transmitted—					
Service and Meteorological	444,400	455,385	449,406	442,464	469,033
Total	8,584,498	7,984,120	8,136,215	8,233,086	8,029,609
Beyond the Commonwealth—					
Despatched	284,646	309,702	330,937	371,901	424,978
Received	296,487	292,741	368,912	400,298	449,812
Total Number of Telegrams dealt with	9,165,631	8,586,563	8,836,064	9,005,285	8,904,399
Revenue—	£	£	£	£	£
Telegrams within the Commonwealth	554,864	518,452	530,390	535,707	715,892
Telegrams beyond the Commonwealth	72,002	69,019	68,749	67,433	72,745
Total Revenue received in State	626,866	587,471	599,139	603,140	788,637

Telephones.

Information relating to the telephone service is given below for the years 1945-46 to 1949-50.

VICTORIA—TELEPHONES, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Telephone Exchanges ..	1,668	1,672	1,679	1,688	1,714
Public Telephones ..	3,066	3,058	3,143	3,357	3,507
Lines connected ..	190,507	202,769	214,997	228,586	244,858
Instruments connected ..	272,147	287,303	305,287	324,919	348,505
Instruments per 1,000 of Population ..	134.0	139.8	146.0	151.9	158.2
Effective Paid Local Calls—					
(a) Subscribers ..	198,063,052	215,540,283	231,015,791	242,779,510	241,313,273
(b) Public Telephones ..	21,066,906	20,697,363	21,397,350	22,941,082	23,222,440
Trunk Line Calls ..	16,208,011	16,791,804	17,558,059	18,293,641	19,450,398

Wireless
Licences
in force.

Details of Broadcast Services and Amateur Stations licensed in Victoria at the end of each of the years 1945-46 to 1949-50 are shown hereunder. Consequent on the passing of the Australian Broadcasting Act in July, 1942, broadcast listeners' licences for 1942-43 and subsequent years were issued in two categories, viz. :—(a) licences for one receiver, (b) licences for receivers in excess of one. The number of licences (for one receiver) in force in Victoria, at 30th June, 1950, represented 27 per cent. of the total for Australia (1,841,211).

VICTORIA—WIRELESS LICENCES IN FORCE, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

Class of Licence.	At 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
Broadcasting* ..	19	19	19	19	19
Broadcast Listeners—					
One receiver ..	396,700	475,215	469,437	487,796	505,078
More than one receiver ..	19,085	24,729	35,669	43,926	52,478
Amateur ..	†	658	796	865	910

* Exclusive of stations operated by the National Broadcasting Service (P.M.G.'s Department).

† Operation of Amateur Stations suspended.

Prior to 1946-47 Statistics of authorized stations were compiled on the basis of wireless licences issued. Subsequently certain Stations were authorized without being licensed and it therefore became necessary to publish Statistics on the basis of stations authorized.

At 30th June, 1950, the particulars of authorized radio-communication stations were as follows :—

(1) Transmitting and Receiving. Aeronautical 9; Coast 4; Land 198; Mobile (General) 662; and Miscellaneous 13.

(2) Receiving only. Land 202; Mobile (General) 149.

**Post Office
revenue and
expenditure.**

Particulars concerning the revenue and expenditure of the Postmaster-General's Department in Victoria for each of the years 1945-46 to 1949-50 are contained in the following table:—

**REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S
DEPARTMENT IN VICTORIA, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.**

Particulars.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Revenue.</i>					
Postage	3,062,904	3,404,602	3,613,426	3,728,539	4,068,451
Money Order Commission	89,284	101,583	114,611	124,434	138,427
Poundage on Postal Notes	18,867	19,954	18,404	20,163	21,113
Private Boxes and Bags	254,139	232,850	254,481	273,058	295,362
Miscellaneous					
Total Postal	3,425,194	3,758,989	4,000,922	4,146,194	4,523,353
Telegraphs	901,390	864,880	832,865	824,795	1,012,226
Radio	199,790	235,565	234,724	350,523	*
Telephones	3,703,004	3,870,487	4,165,860	4,365,170	5,493,129
Total Revenue	8,229,378	8,729,921	9,234,371	9,686,682	11,028,708
<i>Expenditure.</i>					
Salaries and Contingencies—					
Salaries and Payments in the					
Nature of Salary	2,745,087	3,076,067	3,700,481	4,435,569	5,042,851
General Expenses	205,671	229,632	359,199	424,125	469,569
Stores and Material†	436,650	183,472	198,804	2,459,190	3,363,622
Mail Services	407,904	368,853	350,433	494,897	493,503
Engineering Services (other than new works)	1,625,931	1,900,229	2,394,775	2,896,523	3,334,044
Rents, Repairs, Maintenance, Fittings, &c.	65,457	80,475	110,313	119,541	142,566
Proportion of Audit Expenses	3,550	3,550	3,550	3,550	4,596
New Works—					
Telegraph, Telephones, and Wireless	1,028,000	1,565,964	2,099,470	3,189,156	3,810,000
New Buildings, &c.	128,572	154,987	277,785	360,786	836,921
Other Expenditure	9,865	8,404	7,295	5,991	4,488
Total Expenditure	6,656,687	7,571,633	9,502,105	14,389,328	17,502,160

* Radio revenue excluded from Post Office revenue as from 1st July, 1949.

† Includes £2,250,000 for 1948-49 and £3,000,000 for 1949-50 working advance for payment of credit of Post Office Stores and Transport Trust Account.

TRANSPORT.

Under the provisions of the *Transport Regulation Act* 1932, as amended by the *Transport Regulation Act* 1933, the Transport Regulation Board was appointed by Governor-in-Council, for the purpose of securing the improvement and co-ordination of means and facilities for locomotion and transport and of carrying into effect the objects and purposes of the Act. The first Board took office on 1st May, 1934. The Board's term is for a period of three years.

Brief reference to certain provisions of the Transport Regulation Acts of 1933, 1935, 1940, and 1941 respectively, and the system evolved to implement them is made in previous issues of the *Year-Book*.

**Transport
Regulation
Board.**

It was not until 1941 that vehicles which carried passengers otherwise than at a separate and distinct fare for each passenger (i.e., private hire cars) were brought within the provisions of the Act. When these vehicles were brought under control in 1941, a proviso was included that licences would issue "as of right" for such vehicles with seating capacity less than six. This proviso was removed by a short amending Act in 1946, and the position now is that all commercial passenger vehicle licences are at the discretion of the Board to grant or refuse, subject to review of the Board's decision by Governor-in-Council.

VICTORIA—TRANSPORT LICENCES IN FORCE AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1950.

Discretionary Licences.			Licences "As of Right."		
Type of Licence.	Permanent Licences relating to Commercial Passenger Vehicles operated as—	Number of Licences.	Type of Licence.	To operate for Hire or Reward—	Number of Licences.
A	Stage Omnibuses ..	1,843	EA	Within 25 miles of Melbourne ..	10,459
B	Touring Omnibuses ..	119	EB	Within 25 miles of Ballarat	338
C	Special Service Omnibuses	173	EC	Within 25 miles of Bendigo	330
PH	Private Hire ..	1,520		Within 25 miles of Geelong	493
				Within 20 miles of the places of business of the owners outside the radius of Melbourne, Ballarat, Bendigo, and Geelong ..	9,061
D	Permanent licences relating to commercial goods vehicles ..	2,259	ED	Primary Producers, the vehicles being operated in connexion with their business as such and in some cases for the carriage for hire or reward of their neighbours' produce ..	6,243
			EF	Commercial goods vehicles owned by butter or cheese factories and operated for the carriage of milk or cream and goods necessary for such factory ..	601
			EG	Private Carriers, the vehicles being used to carry the goods of the owners in the course of trade in connexion with their own business ..	29,826
			EH	(i) Carrying only 3rd Schedule goods ..	4,490
				(ii) Racehorse floats ..	37
				(iii) Tank wagons carrying only petroleum products ..	213
				(iv) Commercial travellers' vehicles registered at the commercial rate of motor registration	436
	Total (Discretionary) ..	5,914		Total (As of Right) ..	62,527

In addition to those shown, temporary licences numbering 4,386, and additional licences for passenger carrying on goods vehicles numbering 294 were issued. This made the grand total of licences issued at 30th June, 1950, 73,121, while the fees collected amounted to £66,821. Total revenue during the year (including permit fees, fines, and additional fees collected pursuant to the provisions of Section 34 (g) of the *Transport Regulation Act* 1933, as amended by the *Transport Regulation (Licences and Fees) Act* 1947) amounted to £247,403.

RAILWAYS.

All railways in Victoria available for general traffic are the property of the State, and are under the management of three Commissioners appointed by the Government.

Certain border railways in New South Wales are also under the control of the Victorian Railways Commissioners by virtue of an agreement ratified between the Victorian and New South Wales Governments under Act No. 3194 of 1922.

All lines controlled by the Railways Commissioners are shown on the map opposite page 323.

The succeeding tables relate to the State Railways, the St. Kilda-Brighton and Sandringham-Black Rock Electric Tramways, and the Road Motor Services under the control of the Railways Commissioners. The operations of these tramways and the Road Motor Services are also shown separately on pages 377 and 378. Steam or motor power provides the traction for country passenger and goods traffic, while electricity is used mainly for passenger traffic on suburban lines.

Important legislation bearing on railway finances was contained in the *Railways (Finances Adjustment) Act* 1936, No. 4429. A brief outline of the principal provisions of this Act was published in the *Victorian Year-Book* for 1939-40, page 361.

The total capital cost of all lines constructed and in course of construction, and of all works, rolling stock and equipment of the Railways Department as at 30th June of each of the five years 1946-1950, is shown in the following table :—

**Total capital
cost of
railways and
equipment.**

VICTORIA—TOTAL CAPITAL COST OF RAILWAYS, ETC.,
EQUIPMENT AND ROLLING STOCK, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

At 30th June—			Railways.		Electric Tramways.	Road Motor Services.	Total Capital Cost.*
			Lines Opened.	Lines in Process of Construction.	Lines Opened.		
			£	£	£	£	£
1946	..	..	51,242,184	163,077	143,853	14,139	51,563,253
1947	..	..	51,627,002	168,012	140,436	12,722	51,948,172
1948	..	..	52,145,792	169,909	137,029	11,037	52,463,767
1949	..	..	53,008,583	177,309	134,654	10,743	53,331,289
1950	..	..	55,722,636	243,178	131,591	8,768	56,106,173

* Written down in accordance with Railways (Finances Adjustment) Act No. 4429 of 1936. Particulars are exclusive of the cost of stores and materials on hand and in course of manufacture.

The face value of stock and bonds allocated to the **Loan liability.** Railways Department, as reduced in accordance with Act No. 4429, amounted to £55,746,663 at 30th June, 1950. After deducting the value of securities purchased by the National Debt Sinking Fund and cancelled (£6,852,035), the total liability in respect of current loans outstanding at that date was £48,894,628. The annual interest payable on this amount, calculated at the average rate of 3·383 per cent., was £1,654,105.

Additional funds, which amounted to £6,028,025 at 30th June, 1950, have been provided for railway construction, equipment, stores, &c., out of Consolidated Revenue and the National Recovery Loan and other Funds. No interest is charged on this amount.

Railways traffic. The mileage and traffic of the railways (exclusive of electric tramways and road motor services) for each of the years 1945-46 to 1949-50 are given in the following table :—

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS MILEAGE AND TRAFFIC (EXCLUDING ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS AND ROAD MOTOR SERVICES), 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

Heading.	At 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.
Lines Constructed ..	4,830·29	4,830·29	4,830·79	4,830·79	4,830·79
„ Closed for Traffic	82·25	88·50	105·75	132·51	139·01*
„ Open for Traffic	4,748·04	4,741·79	4,725·04	4,698·28	4,691·78
During Year ended 30th June—					
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
Traffic Train Mileage	16,343,796	15,539,188	16,819,339	17,351,775	17,549,489
Passenger Journeys ..	196,117,567	170,164,983	182,209,652	176,555,074	182,101,351
Goods and Live Stock Carried (Tons) ..	7,229,025†	7,561,773	8,439,760	8,859,016	9,125,140

* Of the 139·01 miles closed for traffic, 74·71 miles have been dismantled.

† Tonnage of live stock estimated.

Railways revenue and expenditure. The revenue and expenditure of the Railways Department during each of the five financial years 1946-1950 were as follows:—

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
Revenue—	£	£	£	£	£
Passenger, &c., Business—					
Passenger Fares	6,880,225	5,833,483	6,544,248	6,740,494	7,353,549
Parcels, Mails, &c	585,184	570,439	636,896	685,916	833,533
Other	40,533	40,715	42,959	40,881	41,242
Goods, &c., Business—					
Goods	5,439,358*	5,410,127	7,132,125	7,686,515	9,706,717
Live Stock	519,206*	598,253	683,632	741,433	932,286
Minerals	99,941	100,293	176,058	168,206	177,862
Other					

* Estimated.

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1945-46
TO 1949-50—continued.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	£	£	£	£	£
Miscellaneous—					
Dining Car and Refreshment Services	746,956	660,460	714,849	768,525	830,416
Sale of Electrical Power	55,029	57,368	65,442	90,070	124,569
Rentals	158,828	163,271	178,122	188,743	202,626
Book Stalls	133,513	122,459	130,592	140,913	147,121
Advertising	42,930	42,656	45,274	49,500	47,426
Subsidy paid by Treasury for Interest, &c.					1,687,828
Other*	64,619	63,322	70,860	70,510	75,340
Total	14,768,322	13,662,846	16,421,057	17,371,706	22,160,515
Expenditure—					
Working Expenses—					
Way and Works	2,474,303	2,419,485	2,705,273	3,087,095	3,500,199
Rolling Stock	4,047,667	4,379,689	5,314,907	6,451,702	6,902,938
Transportation	3,871,245	4,061,356	4,974,783	5,710,579	6,222,089
Electrical Engineering Branch	534,962	632,550	739,686	946,668	993,796
Stores Branch	173,842	182,597	210,771	242,585	259,996
Pensions (non-contributory) ..	48,586	40,245	548,571	643,308	654,435
Payment to the Superannuation Fund	412,230	426,387			
Contribution to Railway Renewals and Replacements Fund	500,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	650,000
Contribution to Railway Accident and Fire Insurance Fund	61,842	89,358	121,125	100,378	135,000
Pay-roll Tax	207,339	221,354	267,322	300,470	331,703
Long Service Leave	49,308	139,648	140,170	147,815	158,586
Other	280,623	306,493	356,456	365,429	493,430
Total Working Expenses	12,661,947	13,099,162	15,579,064	18,196,029	20,212,172
Less Expenditure charged to Special Funds	46,388	91,490	244,004	257,639	94,609
Working Expenses charged to Railway Revenue	12,615,559	13,007,672	15,335,060	17,938,390	20,117,563
Net Revenue	2,152,763	655,174	1,085,997	Dr. 566,684	2,042,952
Debt Charges—					
Interest Charges and Expenses†	1,902,028	1,839,909	1,861,741	1,881,228	1,934,546
Exchange on Interest Payments and Redemption	184,876	169,123	168,089	153,321	157,444
Contribution to National Debt Sinking Fund	128,259	128,310	130,533	132,886	137,019
Net Result for Year	62,400	1,482,168	1,074,366	2,734,119	186,057
Proportion of Working Expenses to Revenue	%	%	%	%	%
	85·4	95·2	93·4	103·3	90·8

* Including recoup on account of reduction in outer suburban fares, £24,000 in 1945-46, £21,000 in 1946-47, £18,000 in 1947-48, £15,000 in 1948-49, and £12,000 in 1949-50.

† Including Loan Conversion Expenses.

The revenue for 1949-50 increased by £4,788,809 as compared with that for 1948-49. Passenger business increased by £761,033, while goods, &c., business increased by £2,220,711. Total working expenses increased by £2,016,143, as compared with those of the previous year.

Railways earnings and expenses per mile open. The earnings, expenses charged to railway revenue, and net revenue per average mile of railway worked for each of the five years 1945-46 to 1949-50 were as follows.

This table does not take account of the interest paid on railway loans and expenses of paying same, which are given in the table on the previous page :—

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE PER AVERAGE MILE OPEN, 1945-46 TO 1949-50 (EXCLUDING ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS AND ROAD MOTOR SERVICES).

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
Average Number of Miles open for Traffic	4,748	4,748	4,725	4,712	4,692
	£	£	£	£	£
Gross Earnings per Mile	3,110	2,878	3,475	3,687	4,723
Working Expenses* per Mile	2,657	2,740	3,246	3,807	4,288
Net Revenue per Mile	453	138	230	..	..

* Charged to Railway Revenue.

Capital cost of Railways Rolling stock. At 30th June, 1950, the capital cost of the broad-gauge rolling stock, after being written down in accordance with Act No. 4429 of 1936, was £7,945,360, of the narrow-gauge £11,344, of the electric street tramway £22,844, and of the road motor coaches and trucks £3,709.

Railways staff. The number of officers and employees in the railways service (including casual labour and butty-gang workers) and the amount of salaries and wages (including travelling and incidental expenses) paid in each of the five financial years 1946-50, are shown in the following table :—

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS STAFF—NUMBERS, SALARIES, ETC.,
1945-46 TO 1949-50.

Year ended 30th June—	Number of Employees at End of Year.			Salaries, Wages and Travelling Expenses.
	Permanent.	Supernumerary.	Total.	
				£
1946	16,476	10,909	27,385	9,061,647
1947	15,724	11,333	27,057	9,566,366
1948	18,045	8,359	26,404	11,586,048
1949	18,943	7,523	26,466	13,127,012
1950	18,868	8,190	27,058	14,427,690

The results of operating the St. Kilda-Brighton and Sandringham-Black-Rock Electric Tramways for 1949-50 are detailed in the following statement. As these tramways are controlled and operated by the Railways Commissioners, particulars relating to them have been included in the preceding railway tables unless otherwise indicated.

ELECTRIC STREET TRAMWAYS, 1949-50.
(Under the control of the Railways Commissioners.)

Heading.	St. Kilda- Brighton Electric Tramway.	Sandringham- Black-Rock Electric Tramway.	Total.
Average Mileage of Tramway Worked	5.18	2.42	7.60
Car Mileage	486,726	126,155	612,881
Passengers Carried	5,428,560	1,709,747	7,138,316
	£	£	£
Gross Revenue	68,934	22,127	91,061
Working Expenses	75,425	18,443	93,868
Interest Charges, &c.	3,615	1,527	5,142
Net Result	Loss 10,106	Profit 2,157	Loss 7,949
Capital Expenditure at 30th June, 1950, as written down under Act No. 4429 of 1936—			
Construction of Lines, &c.	73,115	35,632	108,747
Rolling Stock	21,193	1,651	22,844
Total	94,308	37,283	131,591

* See note on page 379.

Road Motor Services. The following table gives particulars for each of the four years 1946-47 to 1949-50 of the operations of the Road Motor Services under the control of the Railways Commissioners.

VICTORIA—ROAD MOTOR SERVICES, 1946-47 TO 1949-50.
(Under the control of the Railways Commissioners.)

Heading.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49.	1949-50.
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Car Mileage	275,492	292,410	332,232	356,432
Passenger Journeys*	1,113,364	1,128,778	1,150,690	1,232,982
Gross Revenue—	£	£	£	£
Passenger and Goods Services* ..	12,293	14,584	15,404	18,985
Working Expenses	25,112	30,601	36,806	40,098
Interest Charges and Exchange ..	584	430	385	346
Net Loss	13,403	16,447	21,787	21,459
Capital Expenditure at end of Year (less depreciation written off) ..	12,722	11,037	10,743	8,768

* Exclusive of passengers carried on the Hawthorn to Kew motor omnibus service.

NOTE.—The apparent discrepancy between the amount of the working expenses and the revenue was brought about by the revenue not having received a proportion of the combined rail and road services earnings while the working expenses have been charged with the road motor operating cost in full.

Municipal Railway. Prior to 1st February, 1952, the railway between Kerang and Koondrook was owned and worked by the Shire of Kerang, but since that date the line has been taken under the control of the Victorian Railways.

TRAMWAYS.

Victorian Tramways. The various tramway systems in the State at 30th June, 1950 (excluding those under the control of the Railways Commissioners) comprised 165·639 miles of electric lines, of which 135·698 miles were double and 29·941 miles single track.

The electric street tramways, St. Kilda to Brighton and Sandringham to Black Rock, under the management of the Victorian Railways Commissioners, are not referred to in this connexion, but are included under the heading "Railways," page 377, and "All Victorian Tramways," page 383.

The subjoined table contains particulars relating to all tramways in Victoria (with the foregoing exceptions) for each of the five years 1945-46 to 1949-50.

VICTORIAN TRAMWAYS, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

(Exclusive of St. Kilda-Brighton and Sandringham-Black-Rock Electric Street Tramways.)

Year ended 30th June.	Track Open.		Tram Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Rolling-stock.	Persons Em-ployed.
	Double.	Single.						
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	No.	£	£	No.	No.
1946 ..	134·278	31·371	24,457,902	297,732,295	3,398,763	2,083,824	806	5,203
1947 ..	135·496	30·160	24,245,489	278,089,259	3,342,693	2,284,402	817	5,207
1948 ..	135·698	29·941	24,354,630	271,683,680	3,236,399	2,546,628	823	5,624
1949 ..	135·698	29·941	24,932,629	282,781,596	3,373,476	2,921,988	809	5,642
1950*..	135·698	29·941	20,053,555	217,910,550	2,997,041	2,858,201	840	5,055

* The decrease in passenger journeys, traffic receipts, &c., during 1949-50, as compared with previous years, was the result of a strike of tramway employees from 23rd February to 23rd April, 1950.

The Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act became operative on 7th January, 1919. The Act provided for a Board consisting of seven members appointed by the Governor in Council to control all tramways in the metropolitan area, with the exception of the St. Kilda-Brighton and Sandringham-Black Rock electric systems.

The Board is empowered to borrow up to £5,500,000 by the issue of stock or debentures secured upon its revenues and undertakings, this being in addition to the transferred liabilities attaching to the tramways vested in it. At 30th June, 1950, the Board had borrowing powers available to the extent of £3,491,833. Power is given to have an overdraft not exceeding £400,000.

Particulars relating to the electric tramway systems under the control of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board are shown for each of the years 1945-46 to 1949-50 in the following statement.

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

Year ended 30th June.	Track Open.		Tram Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Rolling- stock.	Persons Em- ployed.
	Double.	Single.						
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	No.	£	£	No.	No.
1946 ..	124·778	6·591	22,673,730	281,198,208	3,253,010	1,927,979	732	4,893
1947 ..	125·996	5·380	22,494,656	262,406,398	3,201,384	2,109,514	740	4,887
1948 ..	126·198	5·161	22,553,591	255,830,738	3,093,278	2,331,194	746	5,271
1949 ..	126·198	5·161	23,120,058	266,440,050	3,226,425	2,673,102	733	5,161
1950*..	126·198	5·161	18,330,297	203,697,025	2,826,134	2,568,234	764	4,686

In the next statement the operations of the motor omnibus systems under the control of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board are shown for each of the years 1945-46 and 1949-50.

MOTOR OMNIBUS SYSTEMS 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

(Under the control of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board.)

Year ended 30th June—	Route Miles.	Bus Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Ex- penses.	Rolling- stock.	Persons Em- ployed.
			No.	£	£	No.	No.
1946	68·602	7,865,400	70,196,236	751,367	667,187	315	1,357
1947	68·602	6,928,996	57,947,171	646,259	646,516	318	1,325
1948	68·602	7,875,206	67,154,138	745,738	758,329	322	1,525
1949	68·718	8,096,375	72,333,080	803,921	872,962	345	1,506
1950*.. ..	66·740	6,822,761	59,764,992	763,076	844,364	330	1,245

* See note on page 379.

A summary of the revenue and expenditure by the Tramways Board for the year ended 30th June, 1950, is set out hereunder :—

	£	£
Traffic Receipts	3,589,210	
Advertisements, rents, &c. .. .	27,917	
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Total Revenue		3,617,127
Working Expenses		3,422,401
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Surplus on Operation		194,726
Fixed Charges (including Depreciation) .. .		574,973
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Balance in Appropriation Account	Dr. 380,247	
Appropriations—		
Loan Redemption	32,033	
Loan Sinking Funds	32,619	
Renewals Reserve	168,505	
General Reserve	99,267	
Other	13,282	
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		Dr. 725,953
Less—		
Investment Income	62,658	
Depreciation charged in Operation Account .. .	254,140	
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		Dr. 409,155
Payments to Consolidated Revenue		200,781
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Deficit for Year		609,936
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Pursuant to section 77 of the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act* (No. 3732), the Board is required to make certain annual payments to the Consolidated Revenue of the State. The total of such payments up to 30th June, 1950, amounted to £3,543,817. This amount was allocated as follows :—Fire Brigades Board, £1,938,354; Licensing Fund, £435,251; and Infectious Diseases Hospital, £1,170,212. Under the provisions of Act No. 4598 the Board was relieved of the Licensing Fund payment as from 1st July, 1938.

Up to 30th June, 1950, the capital cost of the tramways vested in the Tramways Board, after writing off the value of obsolete assets, amounted to £10,775,647, of which £149,806 related to cable tramways, £9,292,964 to electric tramways, £1,143,816 to motor omnibuses, and £189,061 to general properties.

In the next statement comparisons are made between the electric and omnibus systems operated by the Tramways Board; the receipts per mile, the cost of working, &c., being shown for the year 1949-50.

**MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BOARD
TRAFFIC RECEIPTS, WORKING EXPENSES, ETC., PER
MILE, ETC., 1949-50.**

System.	Traffic Receipts.			Working Expenses to Total Revenue.	Working Expenses per Vehicle Mile, including Power Cost.	Average Distance per Penny.
	Per Vehicle Mile.	Per Mile of Single Track Operated.	Per Passenger.			
	d.	£	d.	%	d.	Miles.
Electric ..	37·003	10,973	3·330	90·363	33·626	·791
Omnibus ..	26·842	5,717	3·064	110·320	29·702	·760

**Tramways
in Extra-
Metropolitan
Cities.**

The cities, other than the metropolis, having electric tramway systems are :—Ballarat, with 13·84 miles of lines (2·33 double and 11·51 single track); Bendigo, with 8·64 miles of lines (2·43 double and 6·21 single track); and Geelong, with 11·80 miles of lines (4·74 double and 7·06 single track).

The traffic particulars of these lines for each of the five years 1945-46 to 1949-50 are summarized in the following table :—

**TRAMWAYS IN EXTRA-METROPOLITAN CITIES, 1945-46 TO
1949-50.**

Year ended 30th June.	Track Open.		Tram Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Rolling-stock.	Persons Employed.
	Double.	Single.						
	Miles.	Miles.						
1946 ..	9·50	24·78	1,784,172	16,514,087	145,753	155,845	74	310
1947 ..	9·50	24·78	1,750,833	15,682,861	141,309	174,888	77	320
1948 ..	9·50	24·78	1,801,039	15,852,942	143,021	215,434	77	353
1949 ..	9·50	24·78	1,812,571	16,341,546	147,051	248,886	76	363
1950 ..	9·50	24·78	1,723,258	14,213,525	170,907	289,967	76	369

Summary of
all Victorian
Tramways.

A summary of the operations for each of the years 1948-49 and 1949-50 of the foregoing tramway systems and of the electric tramways under the control of the Railways Commissioners is given in the following table:—

ALL VICTORIAN TRAMWAYS, 1948-49 AND 1949-50.

Heading.					1948-49.	1949-50.
Route Mileage Open—Double .. miles					143·088	143·088
Single miles					30·151	30·151
Total miles					173·239	173·239
Cost of Construction and Equipment .. £					9,344,493	9,585,285
Gross Revenue—						
Traffic Receipts £					3,455,970	3,084,226
Other £					13,546	20,468
Total Revenue .. £					3,469,516	3,104,694
Working Expenses £					3,006,379	2,950,243
Net Earnings £					463,137	154,451
Interest, &c. £					75,085	64,107
Statutory Charges, Rates, &c. .. £					493,086	572,339
Net Result after Paying Working Expenses, Interest, &c., Statutory Charges, Rates, &c. £					Loss 105,034	Loss 481,995
Tram Miles Run miles					25,563,260	20,666,436
Passenger Journeys No.					290,080,921	225,048,866
Staff Employed—						
Salaried No.					930	802
Wages No.					4,819	4,354
Total Staff No.					5,749	5,156
Rolling Stock No.					840	871

LICENSED VEHICLES.

Licensed
vehicles in
Melbourne.

The licensing and regulating of vehicles used as hackney carriages, plying for hire within the City of Melbourne and within the distance of 8 miles from the corporate limits of the City of Melbourne, are controlled by the Melbourne City Council.

Particulars regarding licences issued during 1949-50 were as follows :—

Description.	Number. Licensed.	Revenue Received.
		£
Horse-drawn Vehicles—		
Wagonettes and Owners	20	} 14
Hackney Carriage Drivers	13	
Carters (for conveyance of goods)	1,000	50
Motor Vehicles—		
Motor Omnibuses	500	1,500
Taxi-cabs	750	
Private Hire Cars	625	} 5,924
Motor Cabs	45	
Chars-a-bancs	92	
Hire and Drive Yourself Cars	100	
Hackney Carriage Motor Car Owners	1,100	}
Hackney Carriage Motor Car Drivers	4,200	
Total Revenue .. .. .	..	7,488

The above-named annual licences are issued in respect of the following periods :—

Horse-drawn vehicles and motor omnibuses—from 1st January to 31st December.

Carters—1st August to 31st July.

All other vehicles together with hackney carriage motor car owners and motor car drivers—1st July to 30th June.

Every motor car and every trailer attached thereto and every motor cycle, together with the trailer, fore-car or side-car attached thereto, must be registered with the Chief Commissioner of Police if used on Victorian roads. A brief summary

Motor Vehicle
Registration.

of the registration fees payable for the various types of motor vehicles appears in the following table. Notwithstanding anything appearing in this table, the minimum fee for registration of any motor car other than a motor cycle shall be Three pounds.

Type of Vehicle.	Rate Chargeable for Annual Registration.
Motor Cycles (without trailer, &c.) ..	£1 0 0
Motor Cycles (with trailer, &c. attached)	£1 10s.
Motor Cars (private use)	3s. for each power-weight unit*
Trailers attached to motor cars ..	£1 to £4 each, according to the unladen weight and the type of tires
Motor omnibuses (operating on specified routes in the metropolitan area)	£5 plus additional fees for each passenger seat
Motor Cars used for carrying passengers or goods for hire or in the course of trade	From 3s. 9d. to 8s. 9d. for each power-weight unit* according to the unladen weight and the type of tires (rates are less 10 per cent. where the vehicle is wholly of British or Australian manufacture or both)
Motor Cars (constructed for the carriage of goods) owned by primary producers and used solely in connexion with their business	From 2s. to 5s. 3d. for each power-weight unit* according to the number of wheels and the type of tires

* The number of power-weight units is that number which is equal to the sum of the horse-power and the weight in hundredweights of a motor car unladen and ready for use.

Under the provisions of the *Municipalities and Other Authorities Finances Act 1950* (No. 5512), the fee payable upon the issue of a licence to drive a motor car was increased from 5s. to 10s. per annum as from 1st January, 1951. The Act also provided that one half of the increased fee, less cost of collection, was to be paid to the Municipalities Assistance Fund and that the other half, less cost of collection, was to be paid to the Country Roads Board Fund.

The following statement shows, for each of the years 1945-46 to 1949-50, the number of motor vehicles registered, the number of drivers', etc. licences issued and the total revenue received at the Motor Registration Office of the Police Department.

VICTORIA—REGISTRATIONS OF MOTOR VEHICLES, ETC.,
DRIVERS' LICENCES, ETC., ISSUED, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

Heading.	At 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Motor Vehicles—					
Private Cars	143,356	153,855	167,381	185,043	222,251
Commercial Vehicles	44,000	50,894	57,250	63,631	69,763
Hire Cars	2,933	3,263	3,710	3,958	4,262
Primary Producers'	55,981	57,942	60,992	63,574	69,380
Omnibuses	716	780	869	949	866
Traction Engines	69	73	107	68	47
Trailers	8,546	9,090	9,929	10,272	11,100
Motor Cycles	23,228	26,172	29,083	31,647	34,231
Drivers' and Riders' Licences	401,610	437,924	470,971	487,407	525,709
Dealers' Licences	354	458	567	682	805
Transfers	81,400	82,488	76,963	101,879	132,171
	£	£	£	£	£
Total Revenue Received during year ended 30th June.. ..	1,782,888	2,028,076	2,245,604	2,427,856	2,910,536

The principal items of revenue received during 1949-50 were in respect of motor cars, £2,683,572; motor cycles, £31,743; and drivers' licences, £131,437.

In the next statement, details relating to new registrations and renewals of registration of motor cars and motor cycles are shown for the years 1948-49 and 1949-50 respectively.

VICTORIA—NEW REGISTRATIONS AND RENEWALS OF
REGISTRATION OF MOTOR CARS AND MOTOR CYCLES
1948-49 AND 1949-50.

Vehicles.	1948-49.			1949-50.		
	New Registrations.		Renewals of Registra- tion.	New Registrations.		Renewals of Registra- tion.
	New Vehicles.	Used Vehicles.		New Vehicles.	Used Vehicles.	
Motor Cars—	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Private	18,312	8,693	158,038	32,192	11,340	178,719
Commercial and Hire	7,234	4,320	56,035	9,678	4,350	59,997
Primary Producers'	4,283	2,891	56,451	7,036	3,105	59,239
Motor Cycles	5,048	3,718	22,739	6,412	4,038	23,781

T RAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

Summary of
all Traffic
Accidents.

The following statements contain particulars of traffic accidents which occurred only in the public thoroughfares of Victoria. Figures regarding accidents on private property or on railway lines (except at level crossings) are not included. The total number of deaths shown in these statements is not comparable, therefore, with those shown in Part "Vital Statistics" of this Year-Book :—

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS: NUMBER OF PERSONS AFFECTED, 1949-50.

Place of Occurrence.	Accidents in which Persons were Killed or Injured.	Persons Killed.	Persons Injured.	Other Accidents in which Damage to Property was Estimated to Exceed £10.	Total Accidents.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
City of Melbourne	1,343 (1,208)	49 (39)	1,539 (1,322)	857 (654)	2,200 (1,862)
Metropolitan Area (excluding City of Melbourne)	4,298 (3,503)	165 (194)	5,000 (3,954)	2,137 (1,544)	6,435 (5,047)
Total—Metropolitan Area ..	5,641 (4,711)	214 (233)	6,539 (5,276)	2,994 (2,198)	8,635 (6,909)
Remainder of State	2,977 (2,229)	287 (193)	3,999 (2,949)	1,677 (1,159)	4,654 (3,388)
Grand Total	8,618 (6,940)	501 (426)	10,538 (8,225)	4,671 (3,357)	13,289 (10,297)

NOTE.—Figures in parentheses in the table above relate to the year 1948-49.

In the table which follows, traffic accidents during 1949-50 have been recorded according to the classification of male and female victims:—

VICTORIA—TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS—PARTICULARS OF PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED, 1949-50.

Description.	Males.		Females.		Total.	
	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.
	No.	N .	No.	No.	No.	No.
Pedestrian	108	1,522	30	830	138	2,422
Driver of motor vehicle other than motor cycle	60	1,479	3	105	63	1,584
Driver of motor cycle	120	1,661	..	18	120	1,679
Passenger—motor car, truck, bus, &c. ..	76	1,443	26	1,269	102	2,712
Passenger—Motor cycle and side car (including pillion rider)	18	312	5	134	23	446
Pedal cyclist	38	1,244	2	220	40	1,464
Driver or passenger of horse-drawn vehicle or equestrian	6	74	..	1	6	75
Other	7	98	2	58	9	156
Total	433	7,903	68	2,635	501	10,538

Particulars of victims of traffic accidents during 1949-50 are shown according to age and sex in the following statement:—

VICTORIA—TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS—SEX AND AGE OF PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED, 1949-50.

Age Group. (Years)	Males.		Females.		Total.	
	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Under 5	9	170	7	120	16	290
5 and under 7 ..	6	178	1	81	7	259
7 and under 17 ..	26	835	6	307	32	1,142
17 and under 30 ..	153	3,304	8	732	161	4,036
30 and under 40 ..	60	1,292	13	393	73	1,685
40 and under 50 ..	66	872	3	383	69	1,255
50 and under 60 ..	34	609	6	277	40	886
60 and over	79	637	24	330	103	967
Not stated .. ..	..	6	..	12	..	18
Total	433	7,903	68	2,635	501	10,538

Causes of Accidents.

The principal causes of road accidents in which casualties occurred also the number of persons killed or injured are shown in the following table:—

VICTORIA—CAUSES OF ROAD ACCIDENTS, 1949-50.

Principal Causes of Road Accidents.	Accidents Involving Casualties.	Persons Killed.	Persons Injured.
	No.	No.	No.
Driver or rider of vehicle responsible—			
Excessive speed	761	118	1,174
Not keeping to left	668	47	984
Not giving right of way to other vehicle at intersection	1,143	20	1,460
Failing to make right hand turn at intersection with due care	147	3	175
Intoxicated	112	7	150
Inexperience	104	6	124
Inattentive driving or riding	1,473	73	1,800
Hit-run drivers	87	4	88
Reversing without care	63	1	64
Overtaking on near side or in the face of on-coming vehicles	177	12	267
Following other vehicle too closely	32	1	42
Infirmity of driver or rider	30	4	32
Driver asleep or drowsy	30	5	58

VICTORIA—CAUSES OF ROAD ACCIDENTS, 1949-50—continued.

Principal Causes of Road Accidents.	Accidents Involving Casualties.	Persons Killed.	Persons Injured.
Driver or rider of vehicle responsible—continued.	No.	No.	No.
Dazzled by lights of an approaching vehicle ..	61	3	87
Failing to signal intention of turning or stopping or giving incorrect signal ..	378	4	437
Pulling out from kerb suddenly or without warning	45	..	47
Disregarding, misunderstanding, or failing to observe traffic sign or signal of other driver	628	33	782
Crossing railway level crossing without due care	26	10	29
Other	60	5	57
	6,025	356	7,857
Vehicle defects responsible—			
Defective brakes or steering	57	2	77
Inadequate or no lights	22	3	24
Defective tires	10	..	13
Other	44	1	51
	133	6	165
Pedestrians responsible—			
Boarding vehicle in motion	46	4	43
Walking across roadway without due care ..	1,030	67	1,036
Running across roadway	272	9	275
Passing from behind or in front of vehicle without care	86	6	85
Stepping off kerb without care	115	3	131
Intoxicated	100	4	100
Infirmity	16	1	15
Child under 7 years of age not under, or breaking away from, the supervision of an elder person	282	12	278
Other	30	3	28
	1,977	109	1,991
Passengers responsible—			
Alighting from vehicle in motion	71	3	68
Falling from vehicle in motion	73	8	69
Riding improperly on vehicle	77	6	81
Intoxicated	21	3	18
Other	7	..	7
	249	20	243
Other causes responsible—			
Attributed to animals	117	8	136
Road faults	19	1	23
Weather conditions	10	..	13
Accidents attributed to parties not involved ..	88	1	110
	234	10	282
Total	8,618	501	10,538

In the next table, accidents in which persons were killed or injured have been classified according to type of vehicle, &c., involved, e.g., where a collision has occurred between a motor car and a pedal cyclist, particulars of such accident are included under each heading. Correct totals cannot be arrived at by the addition of the items shown in the table.

VICTORIA—PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED, TYPES OF VEHICLES, ETC., INVOLVED, 1948-49 AND 1949-50.

Type of Vehicle, &c., Involved.	1948-49.			1949-50.		
	Number of Accidents.*	Number Killed.	Number Injured.	Number of Accidents.*	Number Killed.	Number Injured.
Motor Car	4,153	202	5,040	5,417	241	6,801
Motor Van	199	14	257	586	36	825
Motor Truck, Lorry	1,494	141	1,851	1,518	127	1,933
Motor Bus	344	11	511	382	22	492
Motor Cycle	1,536	75	1,782	2,201	148	2,549
Pedal Cycle	1,270	45	1,293	1,516	49	1,571
Tram—Electric	305	22	335	230	18	276
Train—Electric and Steam	31	16	34	30	13	31
Horse-drawn Vehicle	142	11	145	129	9	140
Horse	12	2	12	17	..	19
Pedestrian	2,214	164	2,144	2,411	141	2,492
Other	3	2	2	12	1	15

* Number of accidents refers only to those in which persons were killed or injured.

Details of breaches of the Motor Car Act and Traffic Regulations will be found in Part "Law, Crime, &c.", of this *Year-Book*.

AIRCRAFT.

The collection and the compilation of aircraft statistics were undertaken by the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics as from 1st July, 1922.

The following particulars relating to civil aircraft registered in Victoria have been received from that source:—

VICTORIA—CIVIL AIRCRAFT, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

Particulars.	At 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
Registered Owners	53	78	75	69	65
Registered Aircraft	94	175	171	181	189
Landing Grounds—					
Government	2	14	13	12	15
Public	8	9	8	6	6
Government Emergency Grounds	4	2	2	2	1
Flights carried out	42,306	56,343	70,835	65,135	69,876
Hours flown	88,962	121,509	172,138	198,597	208,080
Approximate mileage	12,769,963	18,703,630	26,948,604	30,383,090	32,096,929
Passengers carried—					
Paying	409,043	697,026	989,384	1,148,249	1,213,693
Non-paying	4,050	8,544	13,290	15,161	17,845
Total Passengers carried ..	413,093	705,570	1,002,674	1,163,410	1,231,538
Goods, Weight Carried .. lb.	7,554,749	21,441,986	50,795,342	65,999,210	91,190,296
Mails, Weight Carried	923,563	330,196	540,338	595,556	*
Accidents—					
Persons Killed	2	1	4	1	4
Persons Injured	1	7	1	2	4

* Not available.

PART IX.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Legislation. The history of local government in Victoria prior to the passing of the *Local Government Act 1874* (which prescribed the present form of local government in Victoria) will be found on pages 631 and 632 of the *Year-Book*, 1883-84.

The Local Government Act No. 5203 of 1946 consolidated the law relating to Local Government in Victoria. Section 10 (1) of the Local Government Act No. 5443 of 1949 increased the maximum general rate which may be levied by municipalities from three shillings to four shillings in the pound of the net annual value of property and increased the minimum amount of rate payable from two shillings and sixpence to five shillings.

For purposes of local government, the State of Victoria consists of 198 Municipalities and the Yallourn Works Area which was constituted under the *State Electricity (Yallourn Area) Act* No. 5219 of 1947. Information relating to the formation of the Yallourn Works Area was published on page 492 of the *Year-Book*, 1947-48.

During the year ended 31st December, 1950, the State Parliament passed several Acts affecting local government, and details of their principal provisions are given in Part I. of this *Year-Book*. The numbers and the titles of the principal Acts are as follow:—

- No. 5465.—*Legislative Council Reform Act 1950.*
- No. 5471.—*Weights and Measures Act 1950.*
- No. 5473.—*Drainage Areas Act 1950.*
- No. 5479.—*Building Operations and Building Materials Control (Amendment) Act 1950.*
- No. 5481.—*Public Works Loan and Application Act 1950.*
- No. 5482.—*Grain Elevators Act 1950.*
- No. 5484.—*Imported Materials Loan and Application (Amendment) Act 1950.*
- No. 5485.—*Water Supply Loan and Application Act 1950.*
- No. 5487.—*Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works (Contracts) Act 1950.*
- No. 5488.—*Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works (Borrowing Powers) Act 1950.*
- No. 5492.—*Water Act 1950.*
- No. 5494.—*Country Roads Board Act 1950.*

- No. 5505.—*Local Government (Imported Houses) Act 1950.*
 No. 5512.—*Municipalities and Other Authorities Finances Act 1950.*
 No. 5515.—*Public Works Loan and Application Act 1950 (No. 2).*
 No. 5522.—*Workers' Compensation (Amendment) Act 1950.*
 No. 5526.—*Local Government (Shire of Braybrook) Act 1950.*

Municipalities in Victoria. Of the 198 municipalities in the State at 30th September, 1950, 41 ranked as cities, 4 as towns, 16 as boroughs, and 137 as shires. The only unincorporated areas of the State are French Island, in Westernport Bay, containing about 42,000 acres; Julia Percy Island, off Port Fairy, containing 650 acres; and Tower Hill, adjacent to the Borough of Koroit, containing approximately 1,350 acres.

Changes in names of municipalities during the year are as follows :—

- On 1st October, 1949, the Town of Newtown and Chilwell was proclaimed a City.
 On 22nd November, 1949, the Town of Hamilton was proclaimed a City.
 On 30th January, 1950, the Borough of Castlemaine was proclaimed a Town.
 On 24th May, 1950, the Town of Ararat was proclaimed a City; the Borough of St. Arnaud was proclaimed a Town.
 On 31st May, 1950, the Town of Sale was proclaimed a City.

Municipal Elections. Municipal elections of councillors are held in August in every year. Under Section 149 of the *Local Government Act 1946*, the Governor in Council may, on the petition of the council of any municipality, make orders providing for compulsory voting and voting by post. At 30th September, 1950, voting was compulsory in the following 26 municipalities :—

Metropolitan Area.

Cities .. Brunswick, Coburg, Collingwood, Essendon, Fitzroy, Footscray, Heidelberg, Kew, Northcote, Nunawading, Port Melbourne, Preston, South Melbourne, Williamstown.

Outside Metropolitan Area.

Cities .. Ararat, Ballaarat, Bendigo, Mildura.
 Town .. Hamilton.
 Boroughs .. Castlemaine, Echuca, Maryborough, Wonthaggi.
 Shires .. Buln Buln, Eltham, Warragul.

Properties
rated and
number of
dwellings.

The following is a statement of the number of rate-payers, the number of properties rated, the estimated value of rateable property, the estimated number of dwellings (occupied and unoccupied), and the number of houses built in the municipalities of Victoria during the years ended 30th September, 1947 to 1950.

As the metropolitan area was redefined in 1947, information relating to municipalities in Greater Melbourne and municipalities outside Greater Melbourne is not comparable with that for previous years.

It is not practicable to present all types of statistics for a part of a municipality. Consequently, where only portion of a municipality comes within the Metropolitan Area, the statistics published, unless otherwise stated, relate to the municipality as a whole.

VICTORIA—PROPERTIES RATED AND NUMBER OF DWELLINGS IN MUNICIPALITIES, 1946-47 TO 1949-50.

Year Ended 30th September.	Number of Distinct Rate- payers.	Number of Pro- perties Rated.	Value of Rateable Property.		Estimated Number of Dwellings.†		Esti- mated Number of Dwel- lings Erected During the Year.
			Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.	Occupied.	Unoc- cupied.	
MUNICIPALITIES IN GREATER MELBOURNE.*							
			£	£			
1947.. ..	401,964	458,592	24,199,694	464,910,600	307,576	35	5,859
1948.. ..	413,521	466,751	25,275,859	486,266,050	315,663	15	6,742
1949.. ..	420,187	477,076	26,304,411	506,771,020	324,985	3	9,348
1950.. ..	427,447	484,770	27,837,365	540,306,930	338,220	6	13,278§
MUNICIPALITIES OUTSIDE GREATER MELBOURNE.							
1947.. ..	288,760	403,604	16,011,188	319,573,460	222,642	489	3,422
1948.. ..	295,423	409,580	17,443,926	348,302,030	219,651‡	423	4,978
1949.. ..	306,504	422,643	18,883,774	377,166,860	226,565‡	149	6,653
1950.. ..	318,563	435,677	20,448,273	407,871,050	236,407‡	101	9,898§
TOTAL.							
1947.. ..	690,724	862,196	40,210,882	784,484,060	530,218	524	9,281
1948.. ..	708,944	876,331	42,719,785	834,568,080	535,314	438	11,720
1949.. ..	726,691	899,719	45,188,185	883,937,880	551,550	152	16,001
1950.. ..	746,010	920,447	48,285,658	948,177,980	574,627	107	23,176§

* Including the whole of the City of Heidelberg, the Borough of Ringwood, and the whole of the Shires of Braybrook, Broadmeadows, and Kellor.

† Particulars of occupied and unoccupied dwellings are based on returns furnished by municipalities. These figures refer to the number of *units* in all habitable buildings and differ from the basis on which the 1947 Census returns were compiled.

‡ Including occupied dwellings in areas not within any municipality, viz., the Yallourn Works Area, and the Unincorporated areas.

§ These figures cover the period 1st October, 1949, to 31st December, 1950 (15 months). Dwellings erected in the Yallourn Works Area are included in the total figures shown for Outside Greater Melbourne during each year 1948 to 1950.

In 1949-50 the estimated capital improved value of rateable property reached its highest point (£948,177,980).

The following table shows, for each municipality in Victoria, the general rate levied in the £1, the estimated value of rateable property, the amount of loans outstanding at 30th September, 1950, the General Account receipts, and the estimated number of dwellings:—

VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1949-50.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £1 of Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1950.	General Account Receipts.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.*	
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
MUNICIPALITIES IN GREATER MELBOURNE.	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£	£	£		
<i>Cities.</i>							
Box Hill ..	0 5½a	473,784	9,099,960	247,413c	73,733	7,333	..
Brighton ..	2 6	950,553	19,011,060	130,490	145,548	10,761	..
Brunswick ..	0 9 a	781,192	12,057,800	141,061	204,350	13,827	..
Camberwell ..	0 5½a	1,810,886	34,773,180	150,255	266,228	22,678	..
Caulfield ..	0 4½a	1,566,689	30,194,660	132,236	201,333	21,096	..
Chelsea ..	0 6½a	149,212	2,348,580	40,554d	47,606	3,789	..
Coburg ..	0 6½a	742,095	13,274,500	354,020	171,496	13,730	..
Collingwood ..	3 0	534,652	10,693,040	50,738	96,272	7,106	..
Essendon ..	0 7½a	861,185	14,096,510	320,917	192,748	14,250	..
Fitzroy ..	3 0	529,744	10,594,880	91,838	101,000	7,504	..
Footscray ..	2 9	885,442	17,708,840	283,905	200,982	13,710	..
Hawthorn ..	2 10	754,271	15,085,420	75,349	132,468	10,584	..
Heidelberg ..	3 0	666,193	13,323,860	446,840	159,551	11,548	..
Kew ..	0a 5½/10	639,595	11,802,310	134,675	107,071 ^e	7,843	..
Malvern ..	2 6	1,168,719	23,374,380	130,892	172,313	13,214	..
Melbourne ..	2 2	5,584,635	111,692,700	4,346,000	1,145,983	24,081	5
Moorabbin ..	0 4 ab	692,719	13,286,710	190,843e	142,352	11,891	..
Mordialloc ..	0 6½a	269,634	5,781,950	134,771f	58,988	4,242	..
Northcote ..	0 6 a	571,938	10,018,360	218,401	185,614	11,634	..
Nunawading ..	3 0	258,358	5,167,160	23,207g	53,547	3,549	..
Oakleigh ..	0 5½a	313,514	5,574,510	54,952	55,334	4,855	..
Port Melbourne ..	2 6	373,784	7,475,680	5,299	73,210	3,523	..
Prahran ..	1 11	1,510,619	30,212,380	103,744	185,822	16,933	..
Preston ..	0 6½a	678,271	12,513,190	313,790	155,454	12,763	..
Richmond ..	3 0	634,955	12,699,100	115,043	114,186	9,617	..
Sandringham ..	0 6 a	550,719	10,765,670	215,936h	96,723	7,747	..
South Melbourne ..	3 3	984,155	19,683,100	198,757	198,430	11,425	..
St. Kilda ..	2 6	1,356,841	27,136,820	208,092	196,904	17,133	..
Williamstown ..	2 9	368,054	7,361,080	104,110	133,952	6,704	..
<i>Borough.</i>							
Ringwood ..	3 0	134,307	2,686,140	20,799i	39,370	1,948	..

* See footnote § on page 395.

a Levied on unimproved value of land.

b Differential general rates levied.

c Including £1,546 due by City of Nunawading.

d Excluding £628 due to Shire of Dandenong.

e Excluding £1,636 due to City of Sandringham.

f Excluding £1,636 due to City of Sandringham.

g Excluding £1,546 due to City of Box Hill.

h Including £3,272 due by Cities of Moorabbin and Mordialloc.

i Excluding £69 due to Shire of Lillydale.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1949-50—continued.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £1 of Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1950.	General Account Receipts.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.*	
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
<i>Shires.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£	£	£		
Braybrook ..	2 3	550,525	1,010,500	22,988	97,010	5,152	..
Broadmeadows ..	3 0	225,130	4,502,600	22,713	61,380	3,315	..
Keilor ..	2 6	108,033	2,160,660	14,258	20,120	1,006	1
Mulgrave ..	2 6	156,982	3,139,640	15,304	28,342	1,729	..
Total Municipalities in Greater Melbourne ..	...	27,837,385	540,306,930	9,060,190	5,315,420	338,220	6
OUTSIDE GREATER MELBOURNE.							
<i>Cities.</i>							
Ararat ..	2 9	74,923	1,498,460	118,083	36,260	1,504	..
Ballaarat ..	3 0	551,184	11,023,680	70,751	132,443	10,438	4
Bendigo ..	3 0	388,567	7,771,340	69,443	95,709	7,355	..
Geelong ..	3 0	382,055	7,641,100	99,783	81,128	4,888	..
Geelong West ..	3 0	201,995	4,039,900	42,434 ^b	42,654	4,207	..
Hamilton ..	0 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ^a	103,089	2,061,780	24,540	32,940	1,874	..
Horsham ..	3 0	113,658	2,273,160	145,308	36,632	1,773	..
Mildura ..	2 10	198,322	3,966,440 ^c	338,663	42,760	2,313	..
Newtown and Chilwell ..	0 6 ^a	158,932	3,158,400	18,741	27,474	2,618	..
Sale ..	3 0	97,043	1,940,860	14,314	27,164	1,340	..
Shepparton ..	2 8	183,180	3,663,600	66,059	46,190	2,342	..
Warrnambool ..	3 0	168,723	3,374,460	53,510	44,974	2,551	..
<i>Towns.</i>							
Castlemaine ..	3 0	80,729	1,614,580	25,830	22,532	1,579	..
Colac ..	2 4	151,966	3,039,320	10,903 ^c	25,261	1,775	1
Portland ..	0 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ^a	67,790	1,150,000	42,259	17,322	1,137	..
St. Arnaud ..	3 0	35,845	716,940	31,657	16,372	804	..
<i>Boroughs.</i>							
Benalla ..	3 0	84,426	1,688,520	6,362	16,470	1,311	..
Clunes ..	3 0	12,246	244,920	2,897	3,756	295	1
Daylesford ..	3 0	36,812	726,240	9,506	10,663	920	..
Eaglehawk ..	3 0	32,083	641,660	..	9,696	1,154	..
Echuca ..	0 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ^a	68,087	1,310,270	24,295	23,222	1,299	..
Inglewood ..	2 6	10,380	207,600	10,116	4,273	273	..
Koroit ..	2 8	22,176	443,520	734	5,682	363	..
Maryborough ..	3 0	88,694	1,773,880	9,569	24,650	1,773	..
Port Fairy ..	3 0	35,329	706,580	4,340	10,245	533	..
Queenscliff ..	2 9	42,334	846,680	10,582	10,477	820	..
Sebastopol ..	2 11	20,399	417,980	..	5,009	573	..
Stawell ..	3 0	58,082	1,161,640	77,278	26,440	1,434	..
Swan Hill ..	3 0	79,641	1,592,820	56,680 ^d	19,965	1,111	..
Wangaratta ..	3 0	133,551	2,671,020	58,079	42,174	2,061	..
Wonthaggi ..	3 4	46,946	938,920	2,335	14,649	1,259	..

* See footnote § on page 395.

^a Levied on unimproved value of land.^b Excluding £3,722 due to Shire of Corio.^c Excluding £3,110 due to Shire of Colac.^d Excluding £18,395 due to Shire of Swan Hill.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1949-50—continued.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £1 of Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1950.	General Account Receipts.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.*	
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
<i>Shires.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£	£	£		
Alberton ..	3 0	149,926	2,998,520	10,783	29,942	1,445	..
Alexandra ..	2 9	96,577	1,931,540	4,740	35,132	929	..
Arapiles ..	3 0	73,201	1,464,020	6,873	17,521	534	..
Ararat ..	2 9	283,057	5,661,140	..	47,953	1,175	..
Avoca ..	3 0	44,797	895,940	5,834	11,631	744	..
Avon ..	2 6	87,207	1,744,140	6,700	14,468	640	..
Bacchus Marsh ..	1 9 b	81,938	1,638,760	..	16,750	932	..
Bairnsdale ..	2 6 b	203,100	4,062,000	35,403	44,963	2,341	..
Ballan ..	2 0 b	72,038	1,440,760	1,375	11,758	854	..
Ballarat ..	2 9	99,001	1,980,020	5,602	23,050	848	..
Bannockburn ..	2 0	66,557	1,331,140	..	9,563	589	6
Barrabool ..	2 3	74,391	1,487,820	3,801	18,266	605	..
Bass ..	2 9	105,108	2,102,160	3,698c	22,225	1,100	..
Beechworth ..	2 9	47,846	956,920	14,111	10,968	972	1
Belfast ..	2 9	85,540	1,710,800	10,968	17,747	498	..
Bellarine ..	2 3	82,243	1,644,860	2,947	22,357	1,377	1
Benalla ..	2 0 b	174,190	3,483,800	19,845	29,143	980	4
Berwick ..	2 6 b	246,388	4,297,760	..	48,866	3,225	..
Bet Bet ..	3 0	49,865	997,300	43,087	10,558	790	..
Birchip ..	3 3	49,529	990,580	13,902	15,236	387	3
Bright ..	3 0	60,779	1,215,580	15,211	21,188	1,848	..
Broadford ..	2 6 b	32,666	653,320	7,833	6,972	478	..
Bulla ..	2 6	48,456	969,120	4,622	8,255	401	..
Buln Buln ..	3 0	150,321	3,006,420	15,107	42,747	1,953	6
Bungaree ..	2 0	42,220	844,400	779	6,176	466	..
Buninyong ..	2 3 b	69,842	1,396,840	588	17,355	1,016	..
Charlton ..	3 0	92,467	1,849,340	13,267	25,237	594	3
Chiltern ..	2 3 b	42,688	853,760	1,610	7,638	493	..
Cohuna ..	3 0	71,530	1,430,600	10,913	18,238	920	..
Colac ..	2 6	231,929	4,638,580	6,220d	39,086	1,754	..
Corio ..	3 0	194,443	3,888,860	52,543e	45,549	1,279	..
Cranbourne ..	2 9 b	169,507	3,390,140	5,720	37,452	2,103	..
Creswick ..	2 3 b	81,981	1,639,620	8,189	18,776	1,056	..
Dandenong ..	0 7 1/2f	311,387	6,097,770	79,618f	92,565	4,420	..
Deakin ..	2 6	115,874	2,317,480	2,894	23,690	1,083	..
Dimboola ..	3 0	178,995	3,579,900	32,386g	33,153	1,654	..
Donald ..	2 9	88,465	1,769,300	8,896	17,582	741	..
Doncaster and Templestowe ..	2 10	95,778	1,915,560	11,528	20,310	1,276	..
Dundas ..	3 0	180,984	3,619,680	..	32,000	907	..
Dunmunkle ..	2 9	157,594	3,151,880	4,428	41,576	1,099	..
East Loddon ..	2 6	66,913	1,238,260	4,085	11,220	378	4
Eltham ..	2 6 b	132,167	2,643,340	13,047	30,650	2,506	..
Euroa ..	2 7 b	129,370	2,587,400	24,357	29,990	1,106	..
Fern Tree Gully ..	3 0	276,192	5,523,840	57,073	71,928	6,439	..
Flinders ..	2 9	231,290	4,625,800	32,896	50,203	3,850	..

* See footnote § on page 395.

a Levied on unimproved value of land.

b Differential general rates levied.

c Including £1,308 due by Shire of Phillip Island.

d Including £3,110 due by Town of Colac.

e Including £3,722 due by City of Geelong West.

f Including £628 due by City of Chelsea.

g Excluding £131 due to Shire of Karkaroc.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1949-50—continued.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £1 of Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1950.	General Account Receipts.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.*	
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
<i>Shires—continued.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>		
Frankston and							
Hastings	0 4 <i>ab</i>	306,270	6,125,400	72,763	79,475	3,988	..
Gisborne	1 9 <i>b</i>	56,892	1,137,840	2,062	9,931	708	..
Glenelg	3 0	198,326	3,966,520	34,053	40,420	1,481	2
Glenlyon	2 6	54,842	1,096,840	6,179	11,398	834	..
Gordon	2 6 <i>b</i>	121,818	2,436,360	6,232	21,712	792	..
Goulburn	1 9 <i>b</i>	81,168	1,623,360	3,938	10,402	404	..
Grenville	2 0 <i>b</i>	54,647	1,092,940	841	11,176	590	..
Hampton	2 9	417,840	8,356,800	73	80,374	3,023	..
Healesville	3 0	73,896	1,477,920	10,942	22,661	1,274	..
Heytesbury	3 0	191,759	3,835,180	13,942	42,672	1,493	..
Huntly	2 9	55,609	1,112,180	7,060	11,080	668	..
Kaniva	2 4	124,172	2,483,440	6,815	18,373	584	2
Kara Kara	3 0	107,201	2,144,020	1,101	20,923	494	..
Karkaroc	2 9	134,921	2,698,420	7,761	29,208	1,122	..
Kerang	2 6 <i>b</i>	202,539	4,050,780	71,423	44,396	2,003	..
Kilmore	3 0	29,836	586,720	10,546	8,750	417	..
Korong	2 6	97,101	1,942,020	24,981	15,729	956	..
Korumburra	2 0 <i>b</i>	176,188	3,523,760	9,416	40,195	1,753	..
Kowree	3 0	142,216	2,844,320	9,896	40,011	1,214	..
Kyneton	2 3 <i>b</i>	128,057	2,561,140	9,726	26,939	1,834	8
Leigh	2 0	73,731	1,474,620		9,416	297	4
Lexton	3 0	46,609	932,180		10,778	372	..
Lillydale	2 6 <i>b</i>	294,402	5,888,040	41,854 ^d	56,217	5,316	..
Lowan	3 0	146,921	2,938,420	21,471	27,052	1,075	..
Maffra	3 0	169,367	3,387,340	32,522	41,397	1,633	..
Maldon	3 0	36,113	722,260	907	8,133	643	..
Mansfield	3 0	123,954	2,479,080	17,006	28,293	1,112	..
Marong	2 6	115,231	2,304,620	1,532	21,150	1,255	..
Melton	2 0	48,502	970,040	1,926	5,825	363	2
Metcalfe	2 6	54,414	1,088,280		8,136	723	..
Mildura	2 0	371,283	7,425,660	74,987	96,143	3,991	..
Minhamite	2 3	139,391	2,787,820	1,197	22,905	530	1
Mirroo	2 6	48,627	972,540	5,227	14,435	441	..
Mornington	2 6	128,949	2,578,980	20,912	24,995	1,460	..
Mortlake	2 9	188,707	3,774,140		31,510	876	..
Morwell	2 6	174,696	3,493,920	13,537	34,542	2,536	..
Mount Rouse	3 0	135,027	2,700,540	4,964	23,403	642	..
McIvor	2 6 <i>b</i>	67,349	1,346,980	12,565	17,110	635	..
Narracan	3 0	197,591	3,951,820	25,476	51,306	3,582	..
Newham and							
Woodend	3 0	37,903	758,060	8,100	7,437	575	1
Newstead	2 6	33,013	660,260		8,433	635	..
Numurkah	3 0	183,998	3,679,960	15,099	38,366	1,574	..
Omco	3 0	72,823	1,456,460	6,953	16,600	580	10
Orbost	3 0	92,450	1,849,000	26,423	22,362	1,241	..
Otway	3 0	75,050	1,501,000	16,569	24,606	1,107	2
Oxley	2 6 <i>b</i>	94,545	1,890,900	10,872	19,895	1,050	..
Phillip Island	4 0	30,285	605,700	15,069 ^e	9,770	376	..
Portland	2 6 <i>b</i>	197,723	3,954,460	27,147	46,994	1,765	..

* See footnote § on page 395.

a Levied on unimproved value of land.*b* Differential general rates levied.*c* Including £131 due by Shire of Dimboola.*d* Including £69 due by Borough of Ringwood.*e* Excluding £1,308 due to Shire of Bass.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1949-50—continued.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £1 of Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1950.	General Account Receipts.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.*	
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
<i>Shires—continued.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>		
Pyalong ..	2 6	27,571	551,420	4,610	4,763	159	..
Ripon ..	3 0	102,114	2,042,280	9,010	31,189	864	..
Rochester ..	2 6 b	188,675	3,773,500	595	30,092	1,548	..
Rodney ..	2 9	261,206	5,224,120	32,249	51,196	2,653	..
Romsey ..	3 0	97,753	1,955,060	9,667	18,820	819	1
Rosedale ..	0 3½a	187,547	3,719,890	13,465	29,199	1,015	..
Rutherglen ..	2 3	73,987	1,479,740	6,992	15,231	813	4
Seymour ..	2 6 b	88,893	1,777,860	11,940	31,094	1,200	..
Shepparton ..	2 6 b	151,101	3,022,020	9,096	36,402	1,201	..
South Barwon ..	2 6 b	120,876	2,417,520	43,322	27,698	2,036	..
South Gippsland ..	3 0	100,271	2,005,420	9,350	22,050	1,137	..
Stawell ..	2 6	121,554	2,431,080	2,736	25,111	747	..
Strathfieldsaye ..	2 6	57,900	1,158,000	..	11,231	1,042	2
Swan Hill ..	2 6	193,882	3,877,640	77,965c	51,119	2,573	..
Talbot ..	2 6	28,489	569,780	..	5,832	296	3
Tambo ..	3 0	94,972	1,899,440	5,981	21,406	1,090	..
Towong ..	3 0	99,207	1,984,140	..	19,965	1,075	..
Traralgon ..	2 9 b	142,401	2,848,020	65,947	39,887	1,923	..
Tullaroop ..	3 0	42,080	841,640	1,651	10,027	448	..
Tungamah ..	2 6	199,976	3,999,520	15,920	37,468	1,492	..
Upper Murray ..	2 6	71,925	1,438,500	8,812	13,333	603	..
Upper Yarra ..	3 5	61,999	1,239,980	6,054	22,340	1,839	20
Violet Town ..	2 9	58,741	1,174,820	3,480	11,782	407	..
Walpeup ..	2 4 b	113,867	2,277,340	68,557	18,082	1,213	..
Wangaratta ..	2 9	73,648	1,472,960	4,000	9,945	575	..
Wannon ..	3 0	135,221	2,704,420	..	32,162	945	..
Warranga ..	2 9 b	108,867	2,177,340	7,758	30,070	1,210	5
Warracknabeal ..	2 9 b	199,895	3,997,900	28,116	41,093	1,288	..
Warragul ..	3 0	191,640	3,832,800	43,055	48,370	1,882	..
Warrnambool ..	1 11 b	446,563	8,931,260	..	57,441	1,993	..
Werribee ..	3 0	197,617	3,952,340	68,366	45,584	2,559	..
Whittlesea ..	3 0	80,569	1,611,380	..	19,932	1,116	..
Wimmera ..	2 9 b	139,188	2,783,760	7,895	32,578	920	..
Winchelsea ..	2 6 b	160,212	3,204,240	16,451	32,761	1,166	..
Wodonga ..	2 6	64,276	1,285,520	19,941	21,324	1,093	..
Woorayl ..	2 3	245,530	4,910,600	25,201	40,704	1,751	..
Wycheproof ..	2 6	146,604	2,932,080	46,285d	35,112	1,124	..
Yackandandah ..	2 0	85,462	1,709,240	..	14,162	746	..
Yarrawonga ..	2 6 b	85,964	1,719,280	28,669	18,006	876	..
Yea ..	0 6 a	110,554	2,195,120	12,223	24,318	740	..
Total Municipalities outside Greater Melbourne ..	..	20,448,273	407,871,050	3,475,954	4,564,732	234,696	101
Total—Municipalities ..	..	48,285,658	948,177,980	12,536,144	9,880,152	572,916	107
Yallourn Works Area ..						1,673	..
Unincorporated Areas ..						38	..
Total Victoria ..						574,627	107

* See footnote § on page 395.

a Levied on unimproved value of land.

b Differential general rates levied.

c Including £444 due by Shire of Wycheproof and £18,395 due by Borough of Swan Hill.

d Excluding £444 due to Shire of Swan Hill.

Rating on
unimproved
values.

The provisions of the law relating to rating on unimproved values appear on pages 143 and 144 of the Year-Book for 1928-29.

There were at 30th September, 1950, twenty-two municipalities which levied the general rate on the unimproved value. The following table gives for those municipalities particulars of the capital value of land (improved and unimproved), the net annual value, the rating, &c., for the year 1949-50 :—

VICTORIA—RATING ON UNIMPROVED VALUES, 1949-50.

Municipality.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.	Unimproved Capital Value.	Net Annual Value (excluding Special Rateable Properties).	Amount of Rate in the £ of Unimproved Capital Value.	Equivalent Rate on Net Annual Value.	Amount Collectable in 1949-50 on Unimproved Capital Value.	Unimproved Capital Value to Capital Improved Value.
IN GREATER MELBOURNE.							
<i>Cities.</i>	£	£	£	d.	s. d.	£	%
Box Hill ..	9,099,960	2,657,520	471,303	5½	2 7	60,901	29.20
Brunswick ..	12,057,800	3,268,740	772,205	9	3 2	122,578	27.11
Camberwell ..	34,773,180	9,662,100	1,806,448	5½	2 5	221,423	27.79
Caulfield ..	30,194,660	9,405,910	1,560,689	4½	2 3	176,361	31.15
Chelsea ..	2,348,580	826,890	148,298	6½	3 2	23,256	35.21
Coburg ..	13,274,500	4,060,770	736,978	6½	3 0	112,094	30.59
Essendon ..	14,096,510	4,102,270	858,234	7½	2 11	126,059	29.10
Kew ..	11,802,310	3,909,790	634,911	5¾ ₁₀	2 9	86,341	33.13
Moorabbin ..	13,286,710	5,118,970	683,636	4*	2 6	85,316	38.53
Mordialloc ..	5,781,950	1,503,530	269,634	6½	2 11	39,154	26.00
Northcote† ..	10,018,360	3,321,700	568,135	6	2 11	83,043	33.15
Oakleigh ..	5,574,510	1,927,410	311,191	5½	2 10	44,170	34.58
Preston ..	12,513,190	3,426,060	664,120	6½	2 11	98,142	27.38
Sandringham ..	10,765,670	3,203,640	548,087	6	2 11	80,091	29.76
OUTSIDE GREATER MELBOURNE.							
Hamilton City ..	2,061,780	655,580	102,838	7½	3 11	19,975	31.80
Newtown and Chilwell City ..	3,158,400	819,510	158,512	6	2 7	20,488	25.95
Portland Town ..	1,150,000	343,560	67,245	7½	3 2	10,736	29.87
Echuca Borough ..	1,310,270	419,290	62,515	5½	3 3	10,045	32.00
Dandenong Shire ..	6,097,770	1,913,340	309,917	7½	3 10	59,792	31.38
Frankston and Hastings Shire ..	6,125,400	2,420,990	305,750	4*	2 8	40,350	39.52
Rosedale Shire ..	3,719,890	1,492,260	187,417	3½	2 4	21,762	40.12
Yea Shire ..	2,195,120	598,240	110,554	6	2 9	14,956	27.25

* Differential general rates levied.

† A proposal that "the adoption of rating on unimproved values be rescinded" was carried at a poll of ratepayers on 26th August, 1950.

Municipal revenue and expenditure. The following table summarizes for the year ended 30th September, 1950, the revenue and expenditure of municipalities in Victoria under the headings of General Account and Business Undertakings. The transactions of the General Account are presented on a cash basis and those of Business Undertakings generally on a revenue basis. Particulars relating to Loan Accounts, Private Streets Accounts, and Special Improvement Charge Accounts are excluded from this statement.

VICTORIA—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF MUNICIPALITIES, 1949-50.

Heading.	Revenue.				Expenditure.			
	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.			City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
General Account	1,145,983	4,169,437	4,564,732	9,880,152	1,152,894	4,357,657	4,633,346	10,143,897
Business undertakings—								
Electric Light	1,434,495	1,970,102	511,562	3,916,159	1,403,371	1,977,267	486,780	3,867,418
Gasworks ..	..	70,238	102,233	172,471	..	73,194	106,669	179,863
Waterworks	..	574	93,714	94,288	..	790	90,788	91,578
Abattoirs ..	150,774	48,927	39,315	239,016	169,328	43,044	38,945	251,317
Quarries ..	..	16,483	52,140	68,623	..	18,183	53,310	71,493
Hydraulic Power ..	20,207	..	..	20,207	20,566	..	..	20,566
Railway ..	..	..	9,992	9,992	..	..	11,893	11,893
Total ..	2,751,459	6,275,761	5,373,688	14,400,908	2,746,159	6,470,135	5,421,731	14,638,025

General Account. The ordinary revenue of a municipality, consisting of rates, Government grants, &c., is payable into the General Account, and such Account is applied towards the payment of all expenses incurred in respect of administration, debt services, ordinary municipal services, &c.

Details of the principal items of receipts during the year ended 30th September, 1950, are given below :—

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL GENERAL ACCOUNT RECEIPTS, 1949-50.

Items of Receipts.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
Rates—				
General and Extra	605,012	2,983,010	2,847,130	6,435,152
Other .. .. .	..	..	2,324	2,324
Interest on overdue rates	176	9,685	12,119	21,980
Licences and Registration Fees—				
Dog	652	18,042	26,496	45,190
Health, Dairy, Slaughtering, and Noxious Trades	1,343	2,212	5,011	8,566
Hackney Carriages	538	1,399	386	2,323
Petrol Pump	168	4,737	4,532	9,437
Other	42	50	764	856
Total Taxation	607,931	3,019,135	2,898,762	6,525,828
Public Works and Services—				
Health—				
Sanitary and Garbage	15,512	114,414	243,170	373,096
Infectious Diseases recoups .. ..	..	..	6,419	6,419
Other	1,400	19,802	15,226	36,428
Council Properties—				
Markets	163,618	18,371	58,435	240,424
Halls	17,156	48,843	45,126	111,125
Libraries .. .. .	..	1,434	4,026	5,460
Parks, Gardens, Baths, and other Recreational Facilities	31,975	58,901	55,806	146,682
Weighbridges	7,611	442	16,348	24,401
Sale of Materials	1,091	42,020	62,051	105,162
Plant Hire .. .. .	..	25,983	387,010	412,993
Grazing Fees .. .. .	..	925	7,316	8,241
Pounds	88	1,071	6,971	8,130
Other	82,164	57,543	83,824	223,531
Contributions for Road and Pavement Works	17,340	145,389	108,723	271,452
Other Services—				
Car Parking	43,641	4,832	58	48,531
Sheep Dipping .. .. .	..	..	3,336	3,336
Building Fees	1,116	39,100	23,714	63,930
Other .. .. .	..	1,385	2,058	3,443
Total Public Works and Services	382,712	580,455	1,129,617	2,092,784

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL GENERAL ACCOUNT RECEIPTS,
1949-50—continued.

Items of Receipts.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
Transfers from Business Undertakings (excluding Loan Recoups and Administration Refunds)	50,000	209,083	10,701	269,784
Government Grants—				
Roads	9,588	52,679	71,000	133,267
Libraries .. .. .	..	19,598	21,935	41,533
Parks, Gardens, &c. .. .. .	..	1,256	52,314	53,570
River Works .. .. .	..	65	5,985	6,050
Infant Welfare Centres	1,918	21,546	37,376	60,840
Licences Equivalent	8,716	13,613	36,634	58,963
Vermin Destruction .. .. .	..	..	6,420	6,420
Other .. .. .	..	10,023	9,487	19,510
Total Government Grants	20,222	118,780	241,151	380,153
Miscellaneous—				
Police Court Fines	14,113	8,749	6,307	29,169
Interest on Investments	3,403	17,299	4,297	24,999
Supervision of Private Streets .. .. .	..	35,652	4,746	40,398
Other	4,670	27,932	59,038	91,640
Total Miscellaneous ..	22,186	89,632	74,388	186,206
Trust Receipts—				
Refunds of Advances	42,538	18,420	54,935	115,893
Contractors' Deposits	8,084	25,655	35,563	69,302
Other	12,310	108,277	119,615	240,202
Total Trust Receipts ..	62,932	152,352	210,113	425,397
Grand Total	1,145,983	4,169,437	4,564,732	9,880,152

Of the total General Account receipts (excluding trust items) during 1949-50, 69·0 per cent. was derived from taxation (68·3 per cent. from rates and 0·7 per cent. from licences and registration fees); 22·1 per cent. from public works and services; 2·9 per cent. from transfers from business undertakings; 4·0 per cent. from Government

grants; and 2·0 per cent. from other sources. The total amount collected from taxation (£6,525,828) was equivalent to £2 19s. 8d. per head of population or to £8 14s. 11d. per distinct ratepayer.

Details of the principal items of expenditure from the General Account during the year ended 30th September, 1950, are set out hereunder:—

**VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL GENERAL ACCOUNT EXPENDITURE,
1949-50.**

Items of Expenditure.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
General Administration (including Pay-Roll Tax)*	140,238	547,423	685,377	1,373,038
Debt Services—				
Redemption of Loans .. ..	..	328,271	180,086	508,357
Sinking Fund Instalments	49,630	640	1,962	52,232
Interest on Loans	117,645	146,941	81,148	345,734
Interest on Overdrafts	3,637	7,784	22,064	33,485
Payments to Municipalities on account of severance adjustments .. ..	..	913	4,008	4,921
Other	175	80	362	617
Total Debt Services	171,087	484,629	289,630	945,346
Public Works and Services—				
Health—				
Administration	14,711	39,260	45,873	99,844
Sanitary and Garbage	79,715	384,776	265,556	730,047
Statutory Contributions to				
Fairfield Hospital	8,820	33,341	3,114	45,275
Infant Welfare Centres	7,305	72,873	74,928	155,106
Pre-school (Creche, &c.)	6,885	10,442	1,782	19,109
Infectious Diseases Treatment .. ..	..	9	11,898	11,907
Other	5,487	26,762	15,530	47,779
Council Properties—				
Markets	89,151	10,446	50,569	150,166
Halls	46,755	94,028	49,117	189,900
Libraries	2,550	43,948	32,713	79,211
Parks, Gardens, Baths, and other Recreational Facilities	182,369	419,908	230,293	832,570
Weighbridges	3,284	499	7,326	11,109
Grazing Expenses .. ..	..	562	5,369	5,931
Pounds	378	3,556	9,150	13,084
Other Council Properties	13,682	100,227	92,338	206,247

* For details see page 407.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL GENERAL ACCOUNT EXPENDITURE,
1949-50—continued.

Items of Expenditure.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
Public Works and Services— <i>continued</i> —				
Plant, Furniture, and Equipment	4,294	140,008	434,244	578,546
Roads, Streets, Footpaths, and Bridges—				
Construction, Maintenance, Cleaning, and Watering	171,930	1,352,364	1,680,709	3,205,003
Lighting	1,339	130,252	65,084	196,675
Other Works and Services—				
Car Parking	44,775	2,830	..	47,605
Sheep Dipping .. ..	..	..	3,568	3,568
River Works .. ..	..	..	7,432	7,432
Vermin Destruction .. ..	..	..	15,381	15,381
Other .. ..	..	6,773	3,398	10,171
Total Public Works and Services	683,430	2,872,864	3,105,372	6,661,666
Grants and Contributions—				
Country Roads Board .. ..	..	12,985	177,319	190,304
Fire Brigades	33,058	123,163	46,422	202,643
Hospitals and other Charities	7,775	25,654	25,768	59,197
Other	48,318	127,633	78,350	254,301
Total Grants and Contributions	89,151	289,435	327,859	706,445
Miscellaneous	6,006	22,753	22,000	50,759
Trust Expenditure—				
Advances	56,296	19,396	57,640	133,332
Contractors' deposits refunded	6,686	20,047	25,343	52,076
Other .. ..	..	101,110	120,125	221,235
Total Trust Expenditure	62,982	140,553	203,108	406,643
Grand Total	1,152,894	4,357,657	4,633,346	10,143,897

Of the total General Account expenditure (excluding trust items in 1949-50, 14.1 per cent. was for administration; 9.7 per cent for debt services; 11.4 per cent. for health services; 8.6 per cent. for parks, gardens, &c.; 34.9 per cent. for roads, streets, &c.; 13.5 per cent. for other public works and services; 7.3 per cent. for grants and contributions; and 0.5 per cent. for miscellaneous items.

Particulars of the principal items of expenditure during the year ended 30th September, 1950, in respect of general municipal administration are given in the appended statement. In considering the cost of administration, it must be borne in mind that the municipalities are not recouped for any administrative cost incurred in the supervision of work on main roads, &c., for the Country Roads Board.

VICTORIA—COST OF MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION, 1949-50.

Heading.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.*	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
Salaries†	110,779	343,544	457,787	912,110
Mayoral and Presidential Allowances	4,000	16,895	18,624	39,519
Audit Expenses	1,250	3,804	7,522	12,576
Dog Registration Expenses	1,620	7,727	13,823	23,170
Election Expenses	400	8,602	3,270	12,272
Insurances	4,861	35,297	39,855	80,013
Legal Expenses	1,740	6,678	5,502	13,920
Printing, Stationery, Advertising, Postage, Telephone	7,351	60,766	86,914	155,031
Pay-Roll Tax	7,640	45,728	39,377	92,745
Other	597	18,382	12,703	31,682
Total	140,238	547,423	685,377	1,373,038

* Information in respect of Salaries and Insurances relates to expenditure by the Finance and Public Works Committees only.

† Including cost of valuations and travelling expenses, but excluding health officers' salaries.

In Victoria, in 1949-50, 43 electric light undertakings were operated by 37 municipalities, and there were also eight municipally-owned gasworks. The revenue and expenditure of such undertakings in 1949-50 amounted to £4,088,630 and £4,047,281 respectively.

The council of any municipality may be constituted a "local governing body" under the provisions of the *Water Act* 1928 with such water supply district as is defined by the Governor in Council. At 30th September, 1950, fifteen

municipalities had been so constituted. In six other municipalities the water supply services were being administered in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1946*. An analysis of the authorities controlling water supply in Victoria is given on page 420 of this *Year-Book*.

During 1949-50 the receipts and expenditure of the abovementioned municipal waterworks amounted to £94,288 and £91,578 respectively.

Other municipal business undertakings. Quarries, abattoirs, hydraulic power (in the City of Melbourne), and the Kerang-Koondrook railway are other undertakings which are under the control of municipalities in Victoria. In 1949-50, the total revenue on account of these undertakings was £337,838 and the total expenditure amounted to £355,269. In those cases in which the finances of quarries and abattoirs were operated through the General Account, particulars of the amounts have been included in the statement of that Account under the heading of "Other Council Properties".

A statement relating to the Kerang-Koondrook railway appears in Part "Interchange" of this *Year-Book*.

Arrears of general and extra rates. The following table shows the total amount of arrears of general and extra rates and also the amount of arrears per distinct ratepayer in metropolitan municipalities and in municipalities outside the metropolitan area at the end of each of the five years, 1945-46 to 1949-50:—

**VICTORIA—ARREARS OF GENERAL AND EXTRA RATES,
1945-46 TO 1949-50.**

Year Ended 30th September—	Arrears of General and Extra Rates—			Arrears per Distinct Ratepayer—		
	Metro- politan Muni- cipalities.	Muni- cipalities outside Metro- politan Area.	All Muni- cipalities.	Metro- politan Muni- cipalities.	Muni- cipalities outside Metro- politan Area.	All Muni- cipalities.
	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1946	61,676	210,566	272,242	0 3 5	0 13 6	0 8 1
1947	66,592	154,849	221,441	0 3 6	0 10 9	0 6 5
1948	62,281	128,284	190,565	0 3 0	0 8 8	0 5 4
1949	60,352	117,132	177,484	0 2 11	0 7 8	0 4 10
1950	59,536	125,238	184,774	0 2 9	0 7 10	0 4 11

Number of councillors. In the municipalities throughout the State, there were, at 30th September, 1950, 2,145 councillors, viz., 426 in the 34 municipalities in Greater Melbourne and 1,719 in the 164 municipalities outside Greater Melbourne.

**Municipal
loans.**

With the credit of the municipality as security, moneys may be borrowed by a municipal council for permanent works or undertakings or to liquidate the principal moneys owing on account of any previous loan. Permanent works include *inter alia* the construction or alteration of streets, roads, and bridges, and the construction or purchase of waterworks, electric light undertakings, gasworks, municipal offices, pounds, abattoirs, workers' dwellings, baths, and pleasure grounds.

The amount of money borrowed at any time for permanent works or undertakings shall not, except so far as it is otherwise expressly enacted, exceed ten times the average income of the municipality for the previous three years from general rates not exceeding 2s. in the £1. In addition, however, loans, not upon the credit of the municipality but on the security of certain specified income thereof, may be raised for permanent works or undertakings by the issue of debentures or by mortgage. Such loans shall have a currency of not more than 30 years and shall not exceed five times the average amount of such income for the three years preceding the raising of the loan.

**Municipal
loan receipts.**

The following statement shows the loan receipts (exclusive of conversion loans) during each of the five years, 1945-46 to 1949-50. Particulars of loans raised for works in private streets are also excluded:—

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL LOAN RECEIPTS, 1945-46 TO 1949-50
(*Excluding Conversion Loans.*)

Year Ended 30th September—	Gross Proceeds of Loans—		Other Receipts.*	Total.
	From Government.	From Other Sources.		
	£	£	£	£
1946	4,917	297,489	253,396	555,802
1947	19,467	952,258	681,509	1,653,234
1948	4,647	805,524	215,522	1,025,693
1949	7,091	1,456,208	205,814	1,669,113
1950 .. .. .	..	1,363,091	237,367	1,600,458

* Other Receipts consist mainly of transfers from other accounts of one municipality, viz., the City of Melbourne. During 1949-50 these amounted to £208,856.

**Municipal
loan
expenditure.**

In the following statement details are given of the loan expenditure, exclusive of expenditure on private streets, by municipalities for each of the five years, 1945-46 to 1949-50.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL LOAN EXPENDITURE, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

Heading.	Year Ended 30th September—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	£	£	£	£	£
Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Drains ..	57,122	159,286	205,564	321,211	431,454
Waterworks ..	4,917	19,467	4,647	7,091	..
Electric Light Undertakings ..	189,153	165,689	385,789	607,062	608,061
Gasworks ..	20,814	21,969	15,660	20,493	34,072
Halls ..	49	1,325	7,278	6,655	5,848
Parks, Gardens, Baths, and other Recreational Facilities ..	7,651	12,789	92,635	50,798	52,522
Plant ..	17,096	67,378	144,833	198,096	257,173
Abattoirs ..	3,981	21,138	12,090	19,973	38,348
Markets ..	5,209	4,345	3,461	4,188	17,188
Infant Welfare Centres ..	2,367	5,745	21,671	13,262	39,840
Other Council Properties ..	4,946	30,274	34,434	112,953	101,298
Other Purposes ..	16,881	4,993	12,567	5,215	19,307
Transfer to General Revenue Fund ..	..	255,340	..	..	..
Total ..	330,186	769,738	940,629	1,366,997	1,605,111

At 30th September, 1950, there was a credit balance in loan accounts amounting to £3,637,005.

Municipal loan liability. The loan liability of the municipalities in Victoria at the end of each of the five years 1945-46 to 1949-50 is given hereunder:—

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL LOAN LIABILITY, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

At 30th September—	Due to—		Gross Loan Liability.	Accumulated Sinking Funds.	Net Loan Liability.	
	Government.*	Public.			Amount.	Per Head of Population.
	£	£	£	£	£	£ s. d.
1946 ..	256,310	10,044,263	10,300,573	1,563,941	8,736,632	4 6 5
1947 ..	254,570	10,473,798	10,728,368	1,264,794	9,463,574	4 11 10
1948 ..	260,171	10,736,698	10,996,869	1,375,590	9,621,279	4 12 7
1949 ..	262,516	11,587,120	11,849,636	1,488,905	10,360,731	4 17 7
1950 ..	236,029	12,300,115	12,536,144	1,505,538	11,030,606	5 0 11

* Excluding liability to Country Roads Board.

Construction of private streets. The council of any municipality may form, level, &c., any street, road, &c., which is formed or set out on private property or which is set out on land of the Crown or any public body in such manner as to form means of back access to or drainage from property adjacent to such street, road, &c., where such street, road, &c., is not formed, &c., to the satisfaction of the council. The cost of doing so is recoverable from the owners of adjoining properties. At the request of any owner, the amount apportioned as his total liability may be made payable by forty or, if the council so directs, sixty quarterly instalments bearing interest on the portion that from time to time remains unpaid.

For the purpose of defraying the costs and expenses of work in respect of which any person is liable to pay by instalments, the council may, on the credit of the municipality, obtain advances from a bank by overdraft on current account or borrow money by the issue of debentures, but such borrowings shall not exceed the total amount of instalments payable. This borrowing power is additional to those powers mentioned on page 409.

Details of the receipts and expenditure of Private Streets Accounts during the year ended 30th September, 1950, are shown below:—

VICTORIA—PRIVATE STREETS ACCOUNTS—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, 1949-50.

Receipts.		Expenditure.	
	£		£
Proceeds of Loans—		Works	822,935
From Government		Debt Charges—	
From Other Sources	18,433	Redemption of Loans	19,613
Owners' Contributions	639,117	Interest on Loans	3,061
Advance from Other Funds	23,135	Interest on Overdraft	2,865
Contribution from General		Repayment of Advance	146
Account	10,635	Other	9,839
Other	3,212		
Total Receipts	695,332	Total Expenditure	858,459
Cash in hand or in Bank at		Bank Overdraft at 1st October,	
1st October, 1949	132,786	1949	123,763
Bank Overdraft at 30th		Cash in hand or in Bank at	
September, 1950	261,807	30th September, 1950	107,703
	1,089,925		1,089,925

At 30th September, 1950, loans outstanding on account of private street construction amounted to £63,559.

Details of receipts and expenditure of Private Streets Accounts during each of the years 1947-48 to 1949-50 are shown in the following table. Collection of this information was suspended during the War but was resumed in respect of the year 1947-48.

VICTORIA—PRIVATE STREETS ACCOUNTS.

	Year Ended 30th September—		
	1948.	1949.	1950.
<i>Receipts.</i>	£	£	£
Proceeds of Loans—			
From Government .. .. .	..	..	..
From Other Sources	8,000	11,560	18,433
Owners' contributions	307,982	440,828	639,117
Advance from other funds.. .. .	8,979	8,096	23,935
Contribution from General Account ..	..	4,800	10,635
Other	7,041	10,635	3,212
Total	332,002	475,919	695,332
<i>Expenditure.</i>			
Works	275,504	483,406	822,935
Debt Charges—			
Redemption of Loans	38,192	24,226	19,613
Interest on Loans	4,517	3,504	3,061
Interest on Overdraft	1,683	2,111	2,865
Repayment of Advance .. .. .	..	3,559	146
Transfer to General Account .. .. .	..	10,000	..
Other	2,147	5,603	9,839
Total	322,043	532,409	858,459

Special
improvement
charges.

For the purpose of carrying out work at the cost of owners of properties in any particular portion of a municipality, the council may make a special improvement charge of an amount sufficient to repay the cost of the work and interest. The charge shall be made and levied rateably in respect of such properties. The council may borrow money on the security of such charge (but not on the security of the municipality) by mortgage or by the issue of debentures.

The particulars of the receipts and expenditure of the Special Improvement Charge Accounts during the year ended 30th September, 1950, are shown in the following table :—

VICTORIA—SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT CHARGE ACCOUNTS— RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, 1949-50.

Receipts.		Expenditure.	
	£		£
Special Improvement Charges	1,217	Works	10,457
Proceeds of Loans	4,000	Debt Charges—	
Government Grant	6,705	Redemption of Loans	4,403
		Interest on Loans	315
		Other	459
Total	11,922	Total	15,634
Cash in hand or in Bank at 1st October, 1949	9,352	Bank Overdraft at 1st October, 1949	114
Bank Overdraft at 30th September, 1950	100	Cash in hand or in Bank at 30th September, 1950	5,626
	21,374		21,374

At 30th September, 1950, loans outstanding on account of special improvement charges amounted to £8,275.

The following table shows the estimated length of all roads and streets in the State in the year 1948. The mileage of roads, &c. (excluding State Highways) has been compiled from information furnished by all municipal authorities, but some doubts exist as to the accuracy of the particulars on a number of returns. The mileage of State Highways has been obtained from the Country Roads Board. This statistical table is compiled triennially.

VICTORIA—LENGTH OF ALL ROADS AND STREETS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1948.

Type of Road or Street.	Roads and Streets (excluding State Highways).	State Highways.	Total.
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.
Wood or stone	62	..	62
Portland cement concrete	149	1	150
Asphaltic concrete and sheet asphalt	190	12	202
Tar or bitumen surface seal over tar or bitumen penetrated or water-bound pavements	7,598	2,643	10,241
Waterbound macadam, gravel, sand, and hard loam pavements	27,228	1,190	28,418
Formed, but not otherwise paved	23,901	..	23,901
Surveyed roads not formed which are used for general traffic	38,437	..	38,437
Total	97,565*	3,846	101,411*

* Figures revised since 1945.

**Licensing
Fund.**

During the year 1949-50 a sum of £58,963 was paid out of this Fund to municipalities, as provided by Section 311 of the *Licensing Act 1928*. The payments to cities amounted to £31,880; to towns, £1,415; to boroughs, £4,355; and to shires, £21,313. A statement of the receipts and expenditure of this Fund appears in part "Law, Crime, &c.", of this issue.

**Municipal
Officers'
Fidelity
Guarantee
Fund.**

The provisions of the Act under which this Fund was established are set out in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29 on page 163.

The premium revenue for the year ended 30th September, 1950, was £1,531, for guarantees amounting to £456,001. The claims paid from January, 1908, the date of the inception of the Fund, to 30th September, 1950, amounted to £7,014. The amount to the credit of the Fund at 30th September, 1950, was £39,513.

**Municipalities
Assistance
Fund.**

This fund, which was set up under the provisions of the *Municipalities and Other Authorities Finances Act 1950*, came into operation on 1st January, 1951. It has two functions—to provide subsidies towards the cost of approved works by municipalities and other bodies, and to relieve certain municipalities of their obligation to contribute towards the operating cost of the Country Fire Authority. A limit of £100,000 is placed upon the amount which may be approved for works in any one year.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES SUPERANNUATION BOARD.

The Local Authorities Superannuation Board was constituted by the *Local Authorities Superannuation Act 1947* (No. 5216) for the administration of the provisions of the Act.

The Act provides for the payment of a lump sum retiring allowance to permanent employees of Municipal Councils, Water and Sewerage Authorities, Weights and Measures Unions, Cemetery Trusts, any Harbor Board constituted under the *Harbor Boards Act 1928*, the First Mildura Irrigation Trust, and any other body declared by the Governor in Council to be an authority for the purposes of the Act.

The retiring allowance is provided in the case of employees under 55 years of age at the time of their entry into the scheme, and who are medically acceptable for life insurance, by the taking out of an endowment life insurance policy, maturing at age 65 years or prior death, in respect of each employee.

Employees over 55 years of age who at the time of their entry into the scheme, and employees under 55 years of age who are unacceptable for insurance, are catered for by a Provident Fund.

Females of any age may elect to be brought under the Provident Fund in preference to life insurance.

The amount of cover, for which life insurance is provided is that which can be purchased by payment of a premium equal to 7 per cent. of the annual salary or wage of the employee.

In the case of employees who are under the Provident Fund provisions, an amount equal to 7 per cent. of their salary is paid into the Fund annually to the credit of the employee, and this amount accumulates with interest until the employee leaves the service or reaches retiring age.

In each case the 7 per cent. premium or the 7 per cent. contribution to the Provident Fund is paid in advance by the employer at the beginning of each premium or contribution year, and half of the amount or $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. is refunded to the employer by the employee by means of equal instalments from salary or wage payments throughout the year.

The Act is administered by a Board of three members, constituted of persons nominated by the Municipal Association of Victoria, the Municipal Officers' Association (Victorian Branch), and the Federated Municipal and Shire Council Employees' Union (Victorian Branch).

For the year ended 30th June, 1951, the revenue amounted to £338,953 for premiums on policies and contributions to the Provident Fund. The total amount of the Provident Fund at that date was £172,317.

The number of employees participating in the Fund was 2,395, showing an average of £72 per employee. The total insurance cover in respect of 5,360 employees subject to the insurance provisions of the Act was £4,465,405, being an average of £833 per employee.

The Board receives commission from the life insurance offices with which the insurance is placed, from which it meets the cost of administration and builds up a reserve fund out of which it replenishes a Contingent Fund. Commissions received for the year ended 30th June, 1951, amounted to £27,969. Management expenses for the same period were £5,901.

The Contingent Fund is applied at the discretion of the Board to pay funeral allowances to dependants of the deceased permanent employees, the premium or contributions of employees during sickness when not in receipt of wages, and weekly allowances and payment of medical expenses when deemed advisable in the case of employees absent from work on account of illness and not receiving wages.

COUNTRY ROADS BOARD.

With the object of improving the main roads of the State, the *Country Roads Act* 1912 empowered the Governor in Council to appoint a board of three members. A summary of the principal duties of the Board will be found in the *Year-Book* for 1939-40, page 154.

The *Country Roads Act 1928* provides that all fees and fines paid under the Motor Car Acts, less the cost of collection of such fees and fines, shall be placed to the credit of the Country Roads Board Fund, together with repayments by municipalities on account of main road works. From 1930-31 the annual payment into the Fund of an amount from Consolidated Revenue has been suspended.

The *Municipalities and Other Authorities Finance Act 1950* provided that from the 1st January, 1951, the driver's licence fee shall be increased from 5s. to 10s., and that only half the amount of all such fees, less the cost of collection, be paid to the Country Roads Board Fund.

Money available to the Board is derived from revenue received under the Motor Car Acts, payment from the Commonwealth Government of portion of the duties on motor spirit, the above-mentioned repayment by municipalities, and loan funds made available to the Board by the Government of Victoria.

Receipts and expenditure covering the operation of the Board for the years 1946-47 to 1950-51 were as follows:—

VICTORIA—COUNTRY ROADS BOARD RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE—1946-47 TO 1950-51.

	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.	1951.
<i>Receipts.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Fees and Fines—Motor Car Act (less cost of collection)	1,762,795	1,963,555	2,133,717	2,687,490	3,159,111
Municipalities' Repayments—Per- manent Works—					
Outer Metropolitan Roads ..	4,603			1,899	
Maintenance—Main Roads ..	128,541	159,595	203,263	187,889	187,109
Moneys provided by—					
<i>Federal Aid Roads and Works Act 1937</i>	822,903	Dr. 31,668	3,729	..	..
<i>Commonwealth Aid Roads and Works Act 1947</i>	..	799,677	1,059,642	1,370,528	77,087
<i>Commonwealth Aid Roads Act 1950</i>	..	..	..	..	1,911,575
Receipts from State Loan Funds..	9,979	15,178	437,768	391,867	715,956
Other Receipts—Fees, Fines, &c.	477	860	603	10,929	3,521
Total	2,729,298	2,907,197	3,838,722	4,650,602	6,054,359
<i>Expenditure.</i>					
Construction and Maintenance of Roads and Bridges	1,986,207	3,127,804	2,639,086	3,185,035	5,362,022
Traffic Line Marking	7,893	11,835	9,869	8,918	12,497
Plant Purchases	238,547	150,078	145,340	211,661	578,273
Interest and Sinking Fund Payments	502,480	503,005	512,144	521,184	526,845
Payment to Tourists' Resorts Fund	9,080	10,968	12,540	27,781	37,879
General Expenditure	133,083	322,024	343,612	368,878	671,183
Total	2,877,200	4,125,714	3,662,591	4,323,457	7,188,699

NOTE.—As changes have been made to some of the classified items in the above table, statistical details for the years 1947 to 1950 inclusive are substituted for corresponding information published in previous issues of the *Year-Book*.

The following is a summary of the total expenditure by the Country Roads Board on road construction during each of the five years, 1946-47 to 1950-51 :—

**VICTORIA—COUNTRY ROADS BOARD—EXPENDITURE
ON ROADS, 1946-47 TO 1950-51.**

	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.	1951.
	£	£	£	£	£
State Highways—					
Construction			324,540	290,704	756,000
Maintenance and reconditioning	597,180	1,181,382	570,060	1,049,884	1,321,175
Main Roads—					
Permanent Works	9,979	15,178	37,769	41,867	34,956
Construction and restoration ..	1,000,512	1,359,362	12,304	5,801	..
Maintenance and reconditioning	..	..	1,087,120	1,217,829	2,024,119
Unclassified Roads—					
Construction and maintenance	233,918	411,654	439,035	365,004	923,629
Roads for isolated settlers ..	19,028	24,813	19,438	13,175	14,063
Tourists Roads—					
Construction	498	..	44,137	11,155	126
Maintenance	95,804	98,662	73,340	138,686	212,272
Forest Roads—					
Construction .. .. .	..	560	857	227	11,538
Maintenance	19,770	28,782	21,293	43,947	51,795
Murray River Bridges and Punts—					
Maintenance	4,630	4,004	5,946	6,021	11,641
Roads adjoining Commonwealth Properties	4,888	3,407	3,247	735	709
Total	1,986,207	3,127,804	2,639,086	3,185,035	5,362,023

NOTE.—As changes have been made to some of the classified items in the above table, statistical details for the years 1947 to 1950 inclusive are substituted for corresponding information published in previous issues of the *Year-Book*.

HARBOR TRUSTS.

The Port of Melbourne is under the control of this Trust, and its constitution, powers and functions are set out on page 145 of the *Year-Book* for 1929-30. The following are particulars of the ordinary revenue and ordinary and capital expenditure for the years 1947 to 1951. The loan indebtedness as at the end of each of the five years is also shown.

**Melbourne
Harbor Trust.**

MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1947 TO 1951.

Heading.	Year Ended 31st December—				
	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.	1951.
	£	£	£	£	£
REVENUE.					
Wharfage and Tonnage Rates ..	819,425	961,925	1,118,058	1,293,923	1,493,422
Rents	57,760	57,505	60,570	64,072	67,129
Interest	7,773	10,301	11,467	4,872	655
Other Revenue	228,498	284,082	281,126	408,407	568,226
	1,113,456	1,313,813	1,471,221	1,771,074	2,129,432
Less Statutory Payments to—					
Consolidated Revenue ..	167,851	196,420	227,612	260,383	305,119
Geelong Harbor Trust ..	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Total	930,605	1,102,393	1,228,609	1,495,691	1,809,313
REVENUE EXPENDITURE.					
General Management and Expenses	66,732	91,216	81,214	79,419	99,868
Flotation and Redemption of Loans					
Expenses	2,918	1,526	293		1,291
Operating Expenses	144,830	164,818	193,028	293,411	447,004
Maintenance—					
Dredging	96,657	99,367	64,192	128,854	215,895
Harbor	7,557	7,257	7,022	11,096	13,119
Wharves	69,387	72,260	74,305	100,493	148,205
Approaches	5,906	8,063	7,057	5,592	8,444
Railways	4,372	4,635	6,957	5,243	10,382
Cranes		11,358	16,460	40,246	69,136
Other Properties	4,201	12,065	10,720	11,486	16,390
Interest on Loans and Exchange..	175,675	158,131	136,638	127,933	162,705
Depreciation, Renewals, and Insurance Account ..	123,940	134,230	121,798	162,882	182,371
Sinking Fund	59,491	60,806	53,125	59,649	73,176
Total	761,666	825,732	772,809	1,026,304	1,447,986
Surplus on Revenue Account ..	168,939	276,661	455,800	469,387	361,327
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.					
Land and Property	12,791	3,720	40,403	23,230	39,242
Deepening Waterways	90,098	101,619	189,613	656,719	611,621
Wharves Construction	51,998	120,698	176,431	345,134	633,534
Approaches Construction ..	7,267	28,909	9,836	10,260	50,427
Other Harbor Improvements ..	31,878	22,886	24,649	72,343	47,731
Floating and General Plant ..	181,672	115,408	191,464	481,706	676,366
Total	375,704	393,240	623,396	1,589,392	2,058,921
At 31st December—					
Loan Indebtedness	3,937,709*	3,820,203*	3,766,678*	3,972,029*	5,883,853
Sinking Fund	298,016				
Net Indebtedness	3,639,693	3,820,203	3,766,678	3,972,029	5,883,853

* Excluding bank overdraft as follows :—£143,066 in 1947; £80,662 in 1948; £209,194 in 1949; and £517,355 in 1950.

The Port of Geelong is under the control of this Trust, and its constitution and powers are shown in the *Year-Book* for 1929-30, page 147. A concise statement of the principal provisions of the *Geelong and Melbourne Harbor Trusts Act 1934* is given in the *Year-Book* for 1933-34, pages 153 and 154.

The following is a summary of the revenue and expenditure for each year 1947 to 1951. Capital expenditure during, and loan indebtedness at end of, each of the five years are also shown :—

GEELONG HARBOR TRUST—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1947 TO 1951.

Heading.	Year Ended 31st December—				
	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.	1951.
	£	£	£	£	£
REVENUE.					
Wharfage, Tonnage, and Special Berth Rates	64,647	77,333	93,109	124,518	103,874
Rents, Fees, and Licences	6,095	5,872	5,671	5,763	7,537
Freezing Works and Abattoirs	18,259	18,030	18,030	20,458	26,330
Contribution by Melbourne Harbor Trust	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Other Revenue	12,632	16,375	20,687	28,130	31,959
Total	116,633	132,610	152,497	193,869	184,700
REVENUE EXPENDITURE.					
Management Expenses	24,089	31,176	38,144	43,122	59,265
Maintenance—					
Wharves and Approaches	3,458	3,838	9,286	12,683	7,351
Harbor	3,020	4,055	11,543	12,491	14,318
Floating Plant	2,485	2,629	2,858	1,872	3,713
Other	3,314	3,885	7,677	2,943	2,609
Interest on Loans	14,033	13,886	13,776	13,641	14,266
Sinking Fund	3,844	3,800	3,799	3,755	3,900
Freezing Works and Abattoirs	8,996	14,607	10,041	26,321	20,787
Depreciation Reserve Account	19,567	22,002	24,769	28,918	31,508
Miscellaneous	4,809	7,925	16,550	16,457	20,170
Total	87,615	112,503	138,443	162,203	177,887
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (NET).					
Floating Plant	32,677	15,596	32,961	10,604	1,732
Land and Property	5,708	13,930	5,196	7,214	10,880
Deepening Waterways	9,631	32,198	43,124	58,818	87,543
Wharves and Approaches	3,373	4,258	10,143	34,796	160,754
Other	2,302	18,754	11,954	9,924	3,294
Total	53,691	84,736	103,378	121,356	264,203
At 31st December—					
Loan Indebtedness	525,403	517,414	514,896	508,459	567,019
Sinking Fund	69,613	75,889	82,368	88,869	95,730
Net Indebtedness	455,790	441,525	432,528	419,590	471,289

The *Portland Harbor Trust Act*, No. 5425 of 1949, provided for the constitution of the **Portland Harbor Trust**. Trust and the appointment of three commissioners. A statement relating to the powers of the commissioners was published in the *Year-Book* for 1948-49, page 32. Further reference was made on page 323 of the same *Year-Book*. The amount which may be raised by loan shall not at any time exceed the sum of one million pounds. From 28th March, 1950, to 30th June, 1951, the revenue was £1,739 and the expenditure £5,235. An advance of £5,000 for administration and establishment expenses was made by the State Treasury.

WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITIES.

The authorities controlling water supply for domestic purposes in Victoria at 31st December, 1950, are listed in the following statement. It is estimated that about 84 per cent. of the population of this State are so supplied by these authorities.

Authorities.	Administered under the Provisions of—
State Rivers and Water Supply Commission ..	} Water Acts
Waterworks Trusts	
Local Governing Bodies—	
Ballarat Water Commissioners	
Municipal Councils—	
Arapiles Shire	
Ararat City	
Beechworth Shire	
Bet Bet Shire	
Clunes Borough	
Creswick Shire	
Inglewood Borough	
Korong Shire	
Ripon Shire	
Stawell Borough	
Talbot Shire	
Walpeup Shire	
Warrnambool City	
Werribee Shire	
Wimmera Shire	

WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITIES—*continued*.

Authorities.	Administered under the Provisions of—
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works ..	Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act
Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust ..	Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Act
Mildura Urban Water Trust	Mildura Irrigation Trusts Acts
Heidelberg City Council (Diamond Creek and Greensborough supplies)	} Local Government Acts
Sale City Council	
Eltham Shire Council (Eltham, Montmorency, and Yarra Glen supplies)	
Grenville Shire Council (Linton supply) ..	
Huntly Shire Council (Goornong supply) ..	
Leigh Shire Council (Rokewood and Corindhap supplies)	

The revenue and expenditure of the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission form part of Consolidated Revenue. Information relating to the activities of the Commission is shown in Part "Production" of this *Year-Book*.

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS.

Creation and Constitution of Board. The Board was established by Act of Parliament on 20th December, 1890, and entered upon its duties on 18th March, 1891. It consists of 48 members, including the chairman, who is elected every four years by the other members, and is eligible for re-election. The other forty-seven members, who are called commissioners, are from time to time elected by the councils of the municipal districts wholly or partly within the metropolis.

Functions of the Board. The principal functions of the Board are to control and manage the metropolitan water supply system, including watersheds, reservoirs, weirs, aqueducts, pipes, &c.; to provide the metropolis with an efficient system of main and general sewerage; to deal with main drains and main drainage works; to control and manage the rivers, creeks, and watercourses within the metropolis; and to collect and dispose of night-soil from

unsewered premises within the area under its control. By virtue of the *Town and Country Planning (Metropolitan Area) Act* (No. 5404 of 1949) the Board has also been made the responsible authority for the purpose of preparing and submitting for approval, within a period of three years or such longer period as the Minister of Public Works may authorize, a planning scheme for Greater Melbourne.

Area under Board's control at 30th June, 1950.

The metropolis for water supply, sewerage and drainage within 13 miles of the post office at the corner of Bourke and Elizabeth streets, Melbourne, and the remaining portions of the Cities of Moorabbin, Mordialloc, and Nunawading and the Shire of Mulgrave and certain portions of the remainder of the Shires of Eltham, Doncaster and Templestowe, and Dandenong, but excludes portion of the Shire of Werribee within such 13 miles. This territory has an area of 450 square miles within which are situated 28 cities and 1 shire and the parts of 1 other city and 9 other shires.

Town Planning.

The metropolitan area for the purpose of town planning is all that area within a radius of 15 miles of the post office at the corner of Bourke and Elizabeth streets, Melbourne, together with the remaining portions of the Cities of Heidelberg and Mordialloc, the Borough of Ringwood, and the Shires of Keilor, Mulgrave, Dandenong, and Doncaster and Templestowe, the whole of the City of Chelsea, and that portion of the Shire of Frankston and Hastings within a radius of 26 miles of the said post office but excluding any portion of the Shire of Fern Tree Gully.

Board's borrowing powers and liability on loans.

The Board is empowered to borrow £34,750,000, this amount being exclusive of loans amounting to £2,389,934 originally raised by the Government for the construction of waterworks for the supply of Melbourne and suburbs. These works were vested in and taken over by the Board on 1st July, 1891.

The Board's liability under loans was £32,642,985 on 30th June, 1951. The Board was at that date empowered to borrow £4,496,949 before reaching the limit of its borrowing powers.

Revenue and expenditure.

The following is a statement of the revenue and expenditure of the Board during each of the five years, 1946-47 to 1950-51 :—

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS— REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1946-47 TO 1950-51.

Heads of Revenue and Expenditure.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.	1951.
	£	£	£	£	£
REVENUE.					
Water Supply— Water Rates and Charges (including Revenue from water supplied by measure)	1,086,847	1,167,610	1,294,558	1,323,236	1,580,933
Sewerage— Sewerage Rates	1,113,423	1,158,591	1,202,252	1,243,520	1,299,916
Trade Waste Charges				131,084	140,495
Sanitary Charges	24,972	28,137	27,431	30,775	30,787
Metropolitan Farm— Grazing Fees, Rents, Pastures, &c. Balance, Live Stock Account ..	1,168 60,464	2,700 61,439	5,496 72,194	3,363 75,803	1,971 102,583
Metropolitan Drainage and Rivers— Drainage and River Improvement Rate	97,257	101,515	105,791	110,380	116,771
River Water Charges	5,816	5,571	6,204	6,168	5,185
Total	2,389,947	2,525,563	2,713,926	2,924,329	3,278,641
REVENUE EXPENDITURE.					
Water Supply— Management and Incidental Ex- penses	122,672	145,366	182,151	202,565	269,428
Maintenance	392,799	451,606	504,150	589,178	477,180
Sewerage— Management and Incidental Ex- penses	134,099	161,385	186,173	206,646	261,201
Maintenance	130,116	143,124	169,497	202,213	239,477
Metropolitan Farm— Administrative Expenses	4,156	6,158	7,578	13,748	20,409
Maintenance	122,208	129,918	146,640	152,355	193,227
Metropolitan Drainage and Rivers— Management and Incidental Ex- penses	6,507	6,958	8,740	10,016	14,289
Maintenance	22,971	15,828	17,061	16,880	23,055
Pensions and Allowances	25,923	12,900	18,033	21,410	36,353
Loan Flotation Expenses	1,598	3,791	796	2,035	21,032
Interest (including exchange on interest payments in London)	1,236,098	1,239,372	1,259,743	1,315,342	1,413,196
Contributions to— Sinking Fund	65,090	67,340	69,840	73,785	81,607
Renewals Fund	192,063	153,414	162,928	163,095	167,502
Superannuation Accounts	16,877	20,187	21,616	29,373	39,259
Exchange Reserve	51,000	..	..	..	..
Depreciation .. ..	..	..	..	..	12,506
Contributions to Municipalities ..	7,290	7,290	7,364	7,389	7,438
Exchange— Redemption, London Loan, 1948	..	..	9,000	9,000	9,000
Total	2,531,482	2,564,637	2,771,310	3,015,030	3,286,159

Cost of Capital Works.

The total cost of all capital works of the Board to 30th June, 1951, was £38,835,999, viz., £18,551,156 on water supply, £17,934,763 on sewerage, and £2,350,080 on drainage and river improvement works. For details of expenditure on water supply see below, and for expenditure on sewerage, page 426.

Water supply assessments and rates.

The rate to be paid in respect of any lands and houses for the supply of water for domestic purposes, otherwise than by measure, is limited to an amount not exceeding 8d. in the pound of the annual value of the lands and houses served. The water rate levied in the year 1950-51 was 7d. in the £1 on the annual value of the property served. Properties with an annual value of £17 and under are charged a minimum rate of 10s. per annum. The charge for water supplied by measure in excess of the quantity which at 1s. per thousand gallons would produce an amount equal to the water rate payable is 1s. 3d. per 1,000 gallons. For shipping at Melbourne wharves the charge is 3s. per 1,000 gallons.

Cost of waterworks system.

The cost of capital works in respect of the water supply system under the control of the Board is shown in the following table for each of the last four years, together with the total expenditure to 30th June, 1951:—

	During Year Ended 30th June—				Total Cost to 30th June, 1951.
	1948.	1949.	1950.	1951.	
	£	£	£	£	£
Yan Yean System ..	757	1,022	3,946	4,782	674,845
Maroondah System ..	790	4,732	667	3,128	1,717,785
O'Shannassy - Upper					
Yarra System ..	459,827	688,307	1,076,367	1,387,956	7,191,943
Service reservoirs ..	736	3,787	7,358	3,807	639,360
Large mains ..	8,143	4,928	26,145	111,321	3,284,577
Reticulation ..	216,485	216,808	249,861	296,863	4,842,278
Afforestation ..	14,290	19,911	19,426	8,308	190,095
Investigations, future works ..	97	748	90	517	10,273
Total ..	701,125	940,243	1,383,860	1,816,682	18,551,156

The Melbourne and Metropolitan waterworks.

A description of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Waterworks (Yan Yean, Maroondah, and O'Shannassy systems) was published in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, pages 169 to 171.

Storage and service reservoirs.

There are five storage reservoirs (Yan Yean, Toorourrong, Maroondah, O'Shannassy, and Silvan No. 1) with a total capacity of 23,351,305,000 gallons, twenty-two service reservoirs (including one at the Metropolitan Farm, Werribee) and three elevated tanks with a total capacity of 262,200,000 gallons.

Output of
water.

The total output of water from the various sources of supply in 1949-50 and 1950-51 was as follows :—

	Year ended 30th June—	
	1950.	1951.
	'000 gals.	'000 gals.
Yan Yean Reservoir	2,619,000	6,339,300
Maroondah Reservoir	14,282,800	13,318,500
O'Shannassy River and Silvan No. 1	16,536,100	17,579,500
Total Output	33,437,900	37,237,300

Consumption
of water in
Melbourne and
suburbs.

The total consumption of water amounted to 33,458 million gallons in 1949-50 and 37,225 million gallons in 1950-51, and the average consumption per day was 91·66 million gallons in 1949-50 and 101·99 million gallons in 1950-51. During the year ended 30th June, 1951, the maximum consumption on any one day was 213·3 million gallons on 30th January, and the minimum consumption was 57·3 million gallons on 13th August. The maximum daily consumption of 213·3 million gallons on 30th January, 1951, is the highest ever recorded.

The following table shows for each of the five years, 1947 to 1951, the daily average consumption of water, and the daily average per head :—

**DAILY AVERAGE QUANTITY OF WATER CONSUMED IN
MELBOURNE AND SUBURBS, 1946-47 TO 1950-51.**
(MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS AREA.)

Year.	Properties Supplied with Water at 30th June.	Number of Properties for which Sewers were Provided at 30th June.	Daily Average of Annual Consumption of Water.	Daily Consumption of Water per Head of Population Served.
			Million Gallons.	Gallons.
1946-47	312,735	294,343	87·92	70·82
1947-48	320,798	302,433	91·94	72·11
1948-49	328,843	308,772	93·92	71·86
1949-50	342,742	320,006	91·66	67·25
1950-51	354,415	321,548	101·99	72·38

These figures show that additional properties to the number of 11,673 were supplied with water during the year ended 30th June, 1951.

Sewerage assessments, rates, and receipts.

The Board is empowered to levy a general sewerage rate not exceeding 1s. 2d. in the £1 of the net annual value of properties in sewered areas. The sewerage rate for the year 1950-51 was 1s. in the £1. The total annual value of property in the Board's area in 1950-51 was £27,520,695, of which £25,610,572 was liable to the sewerage rate, the balance being the value of property in unsewered districts. The receipts from general sewerage rates and charges in 1950-51 amounted to £1,330,703.

Cost of the Melbourne and Metropolitan sewerage system.

The cost of sewerage works during each of the last four years and the total cost to 30th June, 1951, is shown in the following table :—

	During Year Ended 30th June—				Total Cost to 30th June, 1951.
	1948.	1949.	1950.	1951.	
	£	£	£	£	£
Farm purchase and preparation ..	98,413	113,335	153,361	195,433	2,080,664
Treatment works ..	10,329	3,325	1,455	1,883	213,785
Outfall sewers and rising mains ..	..	Cr. 5,297	1,047	1,466	533,691
Pumping stations, buildings, and plant ..	4,161	1,925	1,652	8,488	321,993
Main and branch sewers	21,742	17,244	19,319	88,611	3,454,217
Reticulation sewers ..	362,216	396,837	470,248	524,258	10,582,919
Cost of house connexions chargeable to capital ..	..	..	..	..	670,569
Sanitary depots ..	2,105	Cr. 961	89	5	45,335
Investigations ..	3,756	5,088	7,540	8,032	31,590
Cost of sewerage system ..	502,722	531,496	654,711	828,176	17,934,763

Main and subsidiary sewerage systems.

The sewerage system of the metropolis at 30th June, 1951, consisted of the main system and three subsidiary systems :—

The Main system (serving an area of 68,112 acres), the sewage from which gravitates to Spotswood Pumping Station where it is lifted to the main outfall sewer at Brooklyn and thence flows to the Metropolitan Farm at Werribee.

The Sunshine system (serving an area of 941 acres in the City of Sunshine), the sewage from which is pumped to the main outfall sewer.

The Kew system (serving an area of 103 acres in Kew), the sewage from which drains to a local treatment plant.

The South-Eastern system (serving an area of 2,292 acres in Cheltenham, Parkdale, Mentone, and Mordialloc), the sewage from which drains to the Braeside treatment plant in the Shire of Dandenong.

Number of
buildings for
which sewers
were provided.

The first house was connected in Port Melbourne in August, 1897. On 30th June, 1951, the number of buildings for which sewers were provided was 321,548, and the estimated population served by the system was 1,278,000. During 1950-51, 13,118 new houses were erected in the Board's area.

The following statement shows the number of sewer connexions at 30th June, 1951 :—

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS—
SEWER CONNEXIONS AT 30TH JUNE, 1951.

Municipality.	Number of Buildings for which Sewers were provided at 30th June, 1951.
Cities—	
Box Hill	6,760
Brighton	11,000
Brunswick	14,682
Camberwell	23,371
Caulfield	22,065
Coburg	12,127
Collingwood	8,193
Essendon	13,981
Fitzroy	8,000
Footscray	13,632
Hawthorn	10,620
Heidelberg (part)	10,668
Kew	7,878
Malvern	13,872
Melbourne	23,083
Moorabbin	9,401
Mordialloc	3,955
Northcote	12,155
Nunawading	2,303
Oakleigh	4,519
Port Melbourne	3,845
Prahran	16,697
Preston	12,341
Richmond	10,524
Sandringham	7,505
South Melbourne	9,920
St. Kilda	15,553
Sunshine	4,229
Williamstown	7,047
Shires—	
Broadmeadows (part)	848
Keilor (part)	474
Mulgrave	7
Werribee (part)	293
Total	321,548

Pumping stations. At 30th June, 1951, pumping stations had been established at Spotswood, Preston, Sunshine, Box Hill, Black Rock, Braybrook (2), Mordialloc, Port Melbourne, Prahran, Fawkner, and Kew.

Metropolitan Sewage Farm. A general description of this farm is given on pages 178 and 179 of the *Year-Book* for 1928-29.

Statistical data for the year ended 30th June, 1951, are as under:—

Total area of farm	26,057 acres
Area used for sewage disposal	15,198 acres
Rainfall at farm for year	24·29 inches
Average rainfall over 55 years	18·34 inches
Net cost of sewage purification for year per head of population served	2s. 10·6d.
Profit on cattle for year	£102,583

Disposal of night soil from unsewered premises. The responsibility for the collection, removal, and disposal of night-soil from unsewered premises within the metropolis was transferred from the individual municipal councils to the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works as from 19th November, 1924. By agreement each council pays to the Board a prescribed amount per annum to offset the cost of the service, &c.

For the year 1950-51 the working expenses were £19,619 and interest £1,812, making a total of £21,431. The revenue was £4,072, leaving a deficiency of £17,359.

Metropolitan drainage and river improvement rate. Under the provisions of Part VIII. of the Act (as amended by the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works (Rate) Act* 1938), relating to metropolitan drainage and rivers, the Board is empowered to levy a metropolitan drainage and river improvement rate not exceeding 2d. in the £1 in respect of the properties in the metropolis rateable by any municipality. The present rate is 1d. in the £1, and this has remained unchanged since it was first levied on 1st July, 1927.

Assessed value of property. The total annual value of property assessed for drainage and river purposes for 1950-51 was £27,408,224.

Cost of drainage and river improvement works. The total cost of drainage and river improvement works to 30th June, 1951, was £2,350,080.

Length of main drains. The classification and length of all main drains under the control of the Board at 30th June, 1951, were as follows :—

Type of Drain.	Miles.
Underground drains.. .. .	108
Constructed open drains	11
Natural watercourses and unlined open drains	8
Total	127

BALLARAT WATER COMMISSIONERS.

The local governing body by the name of "The Ballarat Water Commissioners" was constituted on the 1st July, 1880, by the *Waterworks Act* 1880 (No. 656.)

Water supply. The water supply district of the Ballarat Water Commissioners embraces an area of approximately 65 square miles, including the City of Ballarat, the Borough of Sebastopol and portions of the Shires of Ballarat, Buninyong, Bungaree, and Grenville. The estimated population in this area is 50,000. The works comprise six reservoirs, which have a total storage capacity of 2,331,600,000 gallons. Another reservoir, with a storage capacity of 3,000 million gallons, is at present under construction. The catchment area is 17,545 acres. The Commissioners supplied water to 14,131 properties, of which 9,591 were connected to the sewers.

To 31st December, 1950, the capital cost of construction was £1,689,230, and the loans outstanding (due to the Government) were £976,700. During 1950 receipts amounted to £495,380 and expenditure to £492,898.

Water rate. The water rate is 1s. 3d. in the £1 of the net annual value of all rateable properties, with a minimum of 15s. per annum for land on which there is a building or water supply.

BALLARAT SEWERAGE AUTHORITY.

The Ballarat Sewerage Authority was constituted under the provisions of the *Sewerage Districts Act* 1915 by Order in Council dated 30th November, 1920, which provides that the members of the Water Commissioners shall be the Sewerage Authority.

Sewerage. The Ballarat sewerage district embraces the City of Ballarat and portion of the Shire of Ballarat. Work was commenced in December, 1922, and to date the Authority has constructed a disposal works, 1 mile of outfall sewer, 2·1 miles of main sewer, 14·7 miles of sub-mains, and 90 miles of reticulation. An ejector station is under construction. The whole of the works so far completed are gravitational. The plant treats an average

maximum daily flow of approximately 2,000,000 gallons and comprises screening, grit removal, primary sedimentation, trickling filter, secondary sedimentation, and sludge digestion.

To 31st December, 1950, the capital cost of construction, including side lines, was £605,690, and the loans outstanding at that date were £461,700. The amount outstanding by property owners for sewerage installations was £3,325. During 1950 General Fund revenue amounted to £41,440 and expenditure to £41,902.

**Sewerage
Rate.**

The general sewerage rate is 1s. 5d. in the £1 of the net annual value of all properties within the drainage area which are now or may hereafter become sewered during the period for which such rate is made.

GEELONG WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE TRUST.

This Trust was constituted as the Geelong Municipal Waterworks Trust on 25th January, 1908. It was reconstituted as a Water and Sewerage Authority under the *Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Act* 1910.

The amount of loans which may be raised is limited to £900,000 for water supply, £760,000 for sewerage works, and £270,000 for sewerage installations to properties under deferred payments conditions. The expenditure on these services to 30th June, 1951, was water supply, £888,167; sewerage, £674,242; and sewerage installation, £258,344, of which £515 is outstanding. The revenue for the year ended 30th June, 1951, was £93,227 on account of waterworks and £59,926 on account of sewerage. Since 1913 the Trust has appropriated and set apart sums out of revenues for the creation of a sinking fund to redeem loans. At 30th June, 1951, the amounts so appropriated were: Sewerage, £108,507, and water supply, £122,727. Of such amounts £180,252 had been used to redeem loans which have matured from time to time.

The population supplied is estimated by the Trust at 60,400. The number of buildings within the "Drainage Area" is 14,998; the number within the "Sewered Areas" 14,060, and the number connected with the sewers 14,058.

Water Supply.—The catchment areas of the Moorabool watersheds is about 16,000 acres. There are five storage reservoirs and nine service basins. The total storage capacity of the reservoirs and service basins is 2,745,864,000 gallons.

The Trust takes, as arranged, a minimum annual quantity of 545,000,000 gallons of water from the Bellarine Peninsula System, controlled by the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission, to supplement the supply from the Moorabool watersheds.

Sewerage.—The sewerage system consists of a main outfall sewer, 4 ft. by 3 ft. 3 in. to the ocean at Black Rock, a distance of about 9 miles from Geelong, and 152 miles of main and reticulation sewers. The sewerage area is 9,638 acres and includes the City of

Geelong, the City of Geelong West, the City of Newtown and Chilwell, and the suburban areas in the Shires of Corio, South Barwon, and Bellarine.

Water Rates.—The water rate is 1s. 4d. in the £1 of the net annual value of all rateable properties with a minimum of £1 per annum for land on which there is a building and a minimum of 5s. per annum for land on which there is no building.

Sewerage Rate.—The general sewerage rate is 1s. 3d. in the £1 of the net annual value of all rateable properties.

WATERWORKS TRUSTS.

During 1949–50 there were functioning in Victoria 125 Waterworks Trusts constituted under the provisions of the *Water Act* 1928. The receipts and expenditure of these Trusts for the year 1940 are shown in the *Year-Book* for 1941–42, page 361. Similar particulars are not available for subsequent years.

MILDURA URBAN WATER TRUST.

This Trust, which was constituted under the provisions of the *Mildura Irrigation and Water Trusts Act* 1928, supplies water for domestic use in the City of Mildura and the township of Irymple in the Shire of Mildura. The revenue and expenditure of this authority for the years ended 30th June, 1950 and 1951, were as follows:—

MILDURA URBAN WATER TRUST—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

						Year ended 30th June—	
						1950.	1951.
						£	£
<i>Revenue.</i>							
Water Rates	..	..	..	..	..	8,171	9,452
Water Charges	..	..	..	..	..	5,256	8,000
Interest on overdue rates	..	..	..	..	..	34	28
Other	..	..	..	..	..	578	751
Total	..	..	..	..	..	14,039	18,231
<i>Expenditure.</i>							
Administrative Expenses	..	..	..	..	..	1,271	1,559
Meter Maintenance	..	..	..	..	..	581	352
Maintenance Pumping	..	..	..	..	..	5,688	7,090
Maintenance Distribution	..	..	..	..	..	1,835	2,161
Interest on Loans	..	..	..	..	..	459	461
Interest on Overdraft	..	..	..	..	..	74	102
Depreciation	..	..	..	..	..	2,524	2,675
Other	..	..	..	..	..	514	906
Total	..	..	..	..	..	12,946	15,306

At 30th June, 1951 the net loan liability of the Trust amounted to £25,137 (£11,147), of which £24,211 (£9,147) was due to the Government. Figures in parentheses relate to the year ended 30th June, 1950.

SEWERAGE AUTHORITIES.

In districts outside the areas under the control of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works and the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust (which bodies are constituted under special Acts), sewerage authorities may be constituted in Victoria under the provisions of the Sewerage Districts Acts. At 31st December, 1950, 54 such authorities had been constituted.

The following statement gives general statistical information relating to all authorities (including the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works and the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust) in whose districts the sewerage systems were in operation in 1950 :—

SEWERAGE SYSTEMS IN OPERATION IN VICTORIA AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1950.

Authority.	Number of Properties Connected to Sewers.	Sewerage Rate Levied in £ of Net Annual Municipal Value.	Authority.	Number of Properties Connected to Sewers.	Sewerage Rate Levied in £ of Net Annual Municipal Value.
		<i>s. d.</i>			<i>s. d.</i>
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works	322,380	1 0	Kyabram ..	285	2 0
Ararat	1,320	1 6	Kyneton ..	900	1 6
Bairnsdale	1,200	1 6	Maffra ..	167	1 9
Ballarat	9,591	1 5	Mildura ..	1,906	1 4
Benalla	1,356	1 7	Mornington ..	372	1 9
Bendigo	6,958	1 3	Morwell ..	1,200	1 6
Castlemaine ..	1,150	1 9	Murtoa ..	292	2 0
Colac	1,720	1 0	Nhill ..	600	2 0
Dandenong	1,610	1 4	Portland ..	444	1 6
Dimboola	319	2 6	Shepparton ..	2,030	1 10
Echuca	1,200	1 9	Swan Hill ..	1,084	1 8
Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust	13,849	1 3	Wangaratta ..	1,776	2 0
Hamilton	1,560	2 0	Warracknabeal ..	775	2 0
Horsham	1,580	1 7	Warragul ..	800	2 2
Kerang	678	2 6	Warrnambool ..	2,308	1 0
			Yarrawonga ..	522	2 0
			Total ..	381,932*	..

* Serving a total population of 1,525,400. This figure is based on estimates by the authorities concerned.

In addition to those enumerated in the foregoing table, sewerage authorities had been constituted in the following districts :—

Year 1936	..	Sale.
„ 1938	..	Lorne.
„ 1939	..	Beechworth, Euroa, Leongatha, Traralgon, Werribee, Wodonga, Yarram.
„ 1945	..	Maryborough.
„ 1946	..	Charlton.
„ 1947	..	Moe, Mooroopna, Queenscliffe, Tatura, Yea.
„ 1948	..	St. Arnaud, Stawell, Springvale and Noble Park.
„ 1949	..	Bacchus Marsh, Donald, Jeparit.
„ 1950	..	Camperdown, Port Fairy, Terang.

The above authorities were not in operation at 31st December, 1950.

Yallourn Sewerage.

Under the provisions of the State Electricity Commission Acts, a scheme of sewerage for Yallourn was adopted after approval by the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission and the Public Health Department. The erection of the treatment plant, pump house, and pipe-testing depot was completed in 1941. To June, 1950, approximately 90 per cent. of the gravity reticulation system had been completed. The sewage treatment plant was put into service in January, 1948, and by June, 1950, 230 houses and 23 public buildings had been fully connected. The use of septic tanks in the town has been discontinued.

To June, 1950, about 2,000 persons were served by the system which will ultimately serve 8,000 persons when completed.

FIRE BRIGADES.

Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board.

The Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board, which was constituted in February, 1891, is composed of nine members, of whom three are appointed by the Governor in Council, three by municipal councils, and three by fire insurance companies.

The Board on 30th June, 1951, had under its control the following :—
42 stations, 550 members of permanent staff, 71 members of special service staff, 25 members of clerical staff, 63 men engaged in the workshops, 9 employees engaged in the tailoring department, and 22 partially-paid firemen.

During 1950-51 the cost of maintenance of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade was £465,985, one-third being contributed by each of the contributing bodies, viz., Government of Victoria, municipalities within the Metropolitan Fire District, and the 153 fire insurance companies carrying on business in that district. The municipalities' contribution was equal to 1·360 pence in the £1 on the annual value

of £27,415,803 of property within the Fire District, and that of the insurance companies to £6 11s. 1·6d. for every £100 of premiums on insured property. The premiums received in the Metropolitan Fire District in 1949 amounted to £2,368,419.

Particulars of receipts and expenditure of the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board for the five years, 1947 to 1951, are as follows:—

**VICTORIA—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF THE
METROPOLITAN FIRE BRIGADES BOARD, 1947 TO 1951.**

Heading.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.	1951.
<i>Ordinary Receipts.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Contributions—Government, Municipal, and Insurance Companies	242,687	269,769	279,764	470,179	465,985
Receipts for Services	53,867	61,388	68,350	66,419	68,076
Interest and Sundries	29,204	30,946	35,588	47,269	63,888
Total	325,758	362,103	383,702	583,867	597,949
<i>Ordinary Expenditure.</i>					
Salaries	163,597	169,875	187,100	282,134	385,275
Administrative Charges, &c. ..	46,327	53,926	58,875	102,088	141,527
Partially-paid Firemen and Special Service Staff Allowances	46,020	45,260	46,905	54,347	49,225
Plant—Purchase and Repairs ..	32,525	32,846	36,469	36,931	44,840
Interest	7,416	6,987	6,571	6,146	5,870
Repayment of Loans	8,860	9,333	9,833	10,360	10,916
Superannuation Fund	8,684	8,795	9,314	13,240	17,720
Motor Replacement Reserve ..	6,492	6,738	7,092	7,436	7,673
Pay-Roll Tax	6,486	6,356	6,857	9,391	11,873
Miscellaneous	1,414	2,644	4,510	3,881	2,458
Total	327,821	342,760	373,526	525,954	677,377
At 30th June—					
Loan Indebtedness	163,778	154,445	144,612	134,252	123,337

The Country Fire Authority, which was constituted in 1944, comprises ten members appointed by the Executive Council selected from panels of names submitted by the Minister of Forests (2 representatives), the Urban Municipalities (1), the Rural Municipalities (1), the Fire Insurance Companies (2), the Rural Fire Brigades (2), and the Urban Fire Brigades (2).

The Authority is responsible for the prevention and suppression of fires in the "country area of Victoria", which embraces the whole of the State outside the metropolitan fire district, excluding State Forests and certain Crown lands. The country area has been divided into 24 Fire Control Regions, three of which (Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong) are wholly urban, the remaining 21 mixed urban and rural. Seventeen permanent Regional Fire Officers supervise fire prevention and extinction in the rural sections of one or more fire control regions.

At 30th June, 1951, there were 194 urban fire brigades and 960 rural fire brigades. The effective registered strength of the brigades at the close of the financial year was 76,237 members. Under the provisions of the *Municipalities and Other Authorities Finances Act* (No. 5512) of 1950, which came into operation on 1st January, 1951, two-thirds of the revenue of the Authority is contributed by the Government and Fire Insurance companies in the proportion of two to one, the third share, formerly contributed by the municipalities now being provided from the Municipalities Assistance Fund. There are 141 insurance companies included in the operation of the Act. The premiums received by these insurance companies outside the Metropolitan Fire District amounted to £2,156,165.

The following statement shows the receipts and expenditure of the Country Fire Authority during the years ended 30th June, 1950 and 1951 :—

	Year Ended 30th June—	
	1950.	1951.
<i>Ordinary Receipts.</i>	£	£
Contributions from Government, municipalities, and insurance companies	131,977	156,702
Sundries	3,983	6,046
Total	135,960	162,748
<i>Ordinary Expenditure.</i>		
Administrative (including salaries)	15,905	21,048
Brigade salaries	19,794	37,136
Regional officers—salaries, transport, maintenance ..	14,855	17,373
Fires and practices allowances	4,840	5,183
New stations, repairs, and rentals	5,572	5,476
Rolling stock and plant, purchases and maintenance	30,108	38,472
Hose and appliances	2,462	3,599
Uniforms, telephones, and fuel	4,402	7,324
Repayment of loans	6,369	6,869
Interest on loans	3,522	4,050
Motor Replacement Fund	11,748	12,608
Compensation Fund, accidents	6,880	6,880
Local Government rates	1,367	1,446
Pay-Roll Tax	751	1,252
Sundries	6,922	8,541
Total	135,497	177,257
Loan Expenditure	54,142	21,598
Loan indebtedness at 30th June	102,951	121,582

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SEMI-GOVERNMENT BODIES.

In the following statement particulars are given of the new money loan raisings during each of the years 1938-39 and 1946-47 to 1949-50 by Local Government and Semi-Governmental and other Public Bodies in Victoria. Collection of this information was suspended during the war but was resumed in respect of the year 1946-47 :—

VICTORIA—LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL AND OTHER PUBLIC BODIES—NEW MONEY LOAN RAISINGS, 1938-39 AND 1946-47 TO 1949-50.

Heading.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
LOCAL GOVERNMENT.					
Due to Government	£ 13,737	£ 24,795	£ 18,435	£ 25,615	£ 12,247
Due to Public Creditor	795,211	648,472	943,684	1,182,649	1,621,030
Total Local Government ..	808,948	673,267	962,119	1,208,264	1,633,277
SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL, &c.					
Due to Government	405,529	4,216,127*	5,302,206*	5,600,494*	6,752,596*
Due to Public Creditor	1,478,840†	2,611,000	4,956,000	8,144,046	20,002,525
Total Semi-Governmental, &c.	1,884,369	6,827,127	10,258,206	13,744,540	26,755,121
ALL AUTHORITIES.					
Due to Government	419,266	4,240,922*	5,320,641*	5,626,109	6,764,843
Due to Public Creditor	2,274,051	3,259,472	5,899,684	9,320,695	21,623,555
Grand Total	2,693,317	7,500,394	11,220,325	14,952,804	28,388,398

* Including the following advances by the Commonwealth Government under the Commonwealth and State Housing Agreement:—£4,000,000 in 1946-47, £5,000,000 in 1947-48, £5,200,000 in 1948-49, and £6,300,000 in 1949-50.

† Including £100,000 borrowed to repay loans from Government.

‡ Figures subject to revision.

HOUSING.

The Council of any municipality may, under existing statutory power, erect or purchase dwelling-houses for eligible persons at a cost not exceeding £1,250, including the cost of the land, if the dwelling be of wood, or £1,500 if it be of brick, stone, or concrete. An eligible person, within the meaning of the *Local Government Act* 1946, is one who does not own a dwelling-house in Victoria or elsewhere and who is in receipt of an income not exceeding £400 a year.

Under the provisions of the *State Savings Bank Act* 1928, power is given to the Commissioners of the State Savings Bank of Victoria to provide dwelling-houses for eligible persons upon such terms and subject to such covenants and conditions as are prescribed or are fixed by the Commissioners. Particulars relating to the exercise of this authority is given in Part "Accumulation" of this *Year-Book*.

Housing and
reclamation
by
municipalities.

Erection of
dwelling
houses by
State Savings
Bank
Commissioners.

War Service Homes in Victoria.

Provision of homes is made by the Commonwealth Government for Australian soldiers who served during the 1914-1918 War and during the war which commenced in 1939 and also for the female dependants of Australian soldiers and other classes of eligible persons as defined in the *War Service Homes Act* 1918-1951.

Activities associated with such Act are shown in the following table. The information is furnished by the War Service Homes Division of the Department of Social Services:—

VICTORIA—WAR SERVICE HOMES.

Period.	Applications Approved.	Homes Built and Assisted to Build.	Homes Purchased.	Mortgages Discharged.	Transfers and Resales.
From inception to— 30th June, 1938 ..	10,524	5,009	3,777	461	1,276
Year ended— 30th June, 1939 ..	61	5	4	5	45
.. .. 1940 ..	30	2	..	..	30
.. .. 1941 ..	21	1	3	1	17
.. .. 1942 ..	24	..	1	3	20
.. .. 1943 ..	26	..	2	7	17
.. .. 1944 ..	37	..	4	5	28
.. .. 1945 ..	70	..	7	8	23
.. .. 1946 ..	247	28	38	29	12
.. .. 1947 ..	938	45	483	174	37
.. .. 1948 ..	1,649	119	676	326	28
.. .. 1949 ..	2,641	414	1,030	546	36
.. .. 1950 ..	4,932	453	2,660	1,010	38
.. .. 1951 ..	5,687	925	3,438	1,617	129

To 30th June, 1951, the sums paid as instalments of principal and interest amounted to £11,087,155, whilst the arrears of instalments totalled £69,543, the percentage of arrears to the total amount due being 0·68.

Particulars relating to the constitution, powers, and duties of the Housing Commission will be found in Part "Social Condition" of the *Year-Book* for 1938-39, page 236.

To 30th June, 1951, contracts were let for the erection of 17,717 dwelling units in Victoria; 11,388 in municipalities within the metropolitan area, and 6,329 in municipalities outside the metropolitan area. Contracts on account of dwellings for the Commonwealth War Worker's Housing Trust are excluded from these figures. The date of the letting of the first contract was 31st July, 1939.

Housing Commission of Victoria.

Particulars are given in the appended table of the type of dwelling units for which contracts have been let (including work performed by day labour) by the Commission.

VICTORIA—CONTRACTS LET BY THE HOUSING COMMISSION OF VICTORIA FOR THE ERECTION OF DWELLING UNITS TO 30TH JUNE, 1951; TYPE OF DWELLING.

Municipality.	Type.						Total Dwelling Units—Contracts Let, &c.
	Brick.	Brick Veneer.	Concrete.	Timber, &c.	Prefabricated Timber.	Steel.	
METROPOLITAN.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Cities—							
Box Hill		30	513	9	..	..	552
Brighton	130	..	..	..	..	..	130
Brunswick	22	..	96	5	..	..	123
Camberwell	412	74	485	..	..	..	971
Coburg	637	..	..	133	..	..	770
Essendon	1,016	..	47	34	..	..	1,097
Footscray	10	..	1	95	4	..	110
Heidelberg	811	829	458	216	8	..	2,322
Melbourne	48	..	12	..	..	..	60
Moorabbin	218	338	220	3	17	1	797
Northcote	42	..	16	..	..	..	58
Oakleigh .. .. .	..	..	99	1	..	..	100
Port Melbourne	388	..	70	..	..	..	458
Preston	806	18	239	18	..	..	1,081
Richmond	138	..	..	..	..	..	138
Sandringham	731	13	70	..	6	..	820
Sunshine*	1	6	833	96	24	20	980
Williamstown	56	..	69	49	..	..	174
Shires—							
Broadmeadows .. .. .	..	..	113	..	..	..	113
Mulgrave .. .. .	..	104	430	..	..	..	534
Total Metropolitan ..	5,466	1,412	3,771	659	59	21	11,388
OUTSIDE METROPOLITAN AREA.							
Cities—							
Ararat .. .. .	..	..	..	100	105	..	205
Ballaarat	23	17	..	34	..	..	74
Bendigo	30	..	..	..	..	..	30
Geelong .. .. .	..	57	..	353	3	..	413
Geelong West .. .. .	..	37	..	..	..	..	37
Hamilton .. .. .	..	..	..	44	..	..	44
Horsham .. .. .	..	..	..	97	15	..	112
Mildura .. .. .	..	10	..	83	..	..	93
Newtown and Chilwell .. .. .	..	54	..	..	..	..	54
Sale .. .. .	..	..	..	48	..	..	48
Shepparton .. .. .	..	81	..	116	15	..	212
Warrnambool	17	40	..	50	..	..	107
Towns—							
Castlemaine .. .. .	..	13	..	12	..	..	25
Colac .. .. .	..	13	..	125	2	..	140
Portland .. .. .	..	..	..	30	..	..	30
St. Arnaud .. .. .	..	3	..	9	..	..	12
Boroughs—							
Benalla .. .. .	..	..	..	72	6	..	78
Daylesford .. .. .	..	..	..	..	7	..	7
Eaglehawk	5	..	..	..	..	..	5
Echuca .. .. .	..	16	..	33	..	..	49
Inglewood .. .. .	..	6	..	6	..	..	6
Maryborough .. .. .	..	20	..	23	5	..	48

* The area of the Shire of Braybrook was redefined by portion of the Western Riding being annexed to the Shire of Melton as from 1st February, 1951. The Shire of Braybrook (as re-defined) was declared the City of Sunshine on 16th May, 1951.

VICTORIA—CONTRACTS LET BY THE HOUSING COMMISSION OF
VICTORIA FOR THE ERECTION OF DWELLING UNITS, YEAR
JUNE, 1951; TYPE OF DWELLING—*continued.*

Municipality.	Type.						Total Dwelling Units— Contracts Let, &c.
	Brick.	Brick Veneer.	Concrete.	Timber, &c.	Prefabricated Timber.	Steel.	
OUTSIDE METROPOLITAN AREA— <i>continued.</i>	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Boroughs— <i>continued.</i>							
Port Fairy	10	..	..	10
Sebastopol	13	10	..	23
Stawell	20	..	..	..	..	20
Swan Hill	51	..	..	51
Wangaratta	76	..	249	21	1	347
Wonthaggi	80	..	..	80
Shires—							
Alberton	24	..	..	24
Avon	6	..	..	6
Bacchus Marsh	36	5	..	41
Bairnsdale	34	..	..	34
Ballarat	20	58	..	78
Beechworth	20	..	..	20
Bet Bet	4	..	4
Bright	26	..	..	26
Broadford	8	..	..	8
Buln Buln	41	..	41
Charlton	8	..	8
Cohuna	16	..	..	16
Corio	162	66	125	..	353
Cranbourne	12	3	..	15
Dandenong	146	..	1	..	147
Dimboola	26	..	..	26
Dunmunkle	10	..	..	10
Euroa	6	..	..	6
Frankston and Hastings	7	..	17	..	..	24
Glenelg	5	..	..	5
Gisborne	12	..	..	12
Hampden	66	..	..	66
Heytesbury	12	..	..	12
Kerang	18	10	..	28
Korumburra	34	..	..	34
Kyneton	20	..	..	20
Maffra	37	..	..	37
Mansfield	25	..	..	25
Marong	27	..	27
Mildura	117	..	..	117
Mirboo	8	..	..	8
Morwell	525	285	..	810
Narracan	675	224	..	899
Numurkah	44	7	..	51
Orbost	22	..	..	22
Rochester	12	..	..	12
Rodney	53	19	..	72
Rutherglen	10	..	..	10
Seymour	102	..	..	102
Strathfieldsaye	20	..	..	..	..	..	20
Swan Hill	6	..	..	6
Traralgon	258	..	..	258
Tullaroop	1	..	1
Tungamah	9	11	..	20
Warracknabeal	22	8	..	30
Warragul	236	23	..	259
Winchelsea	18	..	18
Wodonga	53	..	..	53
Woorayl	16	..	..	16
Yarrawonga	32	..	..	32
Total Outside Metropolitan Area ..	95	464	308	4,394	1,067	1	6,329
Grand Total ..	5,561	1,876	4,079	5,053	1,126	22	17,717

DWELLING UNITS ERECTED BY THE VICTORIAN HOUSING COMMISSION TO 30TH JUNE, 1951.

Municipality.	Completed to 30th June, 1948.	Completed during Year ended 30th June—			Units Completed to 30th June, 1951.
		1949.	1950.	1951.	
METROPOLITAN.					
Cities—	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Rox Hill .. .. .	..	87	176	201	464
Brighton	122	8	..	..	130
Brunswick	123	..	..	..	123
Camberwell	261	284	328	92	965
Coburg	577	76	61	7	721
Essendon	179	117	88	104	488
Footscray	110	..	..	..	110
Heidelberg	727	336	393	309	1,765
Melbourne	8	8	..	16	32
Moorabbin	342	289	128	38	797
Northcote	42	..	..	..	42
Oakleigh	100	..	..	..	100
Port Melbourne	458*	..	..	..	458
Preston	742	..	2	123	867
Richmond	138	..	..	..	138
Sandringham	738	61	8	..	807
Sunshine†	129	187	239	180	735
Williamstown	174	..	..	..	174
Shires—	..	..	..	..	..
Broadmeadows .. .. .	..	..	46	62	108
Mulgrave .. .. .	..	..	10	233	243
Total Metropolitan ..	4,970	1,453	1,479	1,365	9,267
OUTSIDE METROPOLITAN AREA.					
Cities—	..	..	..	..	..
Ararat	36	43	49	37	165
Ballaarat	57	7	9	1	74
Bendigo	31	..	..	..	31
Geelong	161	56	85	70	372
Geelong West	37	..	..	..	37
Horsham	39	39	19	..	97
Hamilton	30	14	..	..	44
Mildura	50	..	..	..	50
Newtown and Chilwell	54	..	..	..	54
Sale	21	17	7	..	45
Shepparton	79	38	54	39	210
Warrnambool	57	16	15	8	96
Towns—	..	..	..	..	..
Castlemaine	13	..	12	..	25
Colac	69	2	19	6	96
Portland	21	2	..	..	23
St. Arnaud	8	4	..	..	12
Boroughs—	..	..	..	..	..
Benalla	20	10	..	10	40
Daylesford .. .. .	..	..	4	3	7
Eaglehawk	7	..	..	..	7
Echuca	7	15	..	..	22
Inglewood .. .. .	..	4	2	..	6
Maryborough	25	4	14	5	48
Port Fairy .. .. .	..	..	1	9	10
Sebastopol .. .. .	..	..	8	15	23
Stawell	15	4	1	..	20
Swan Hill	31	5	8	3	47
Wangaratta	163	55	68	30	316
Wonthaggi	46	20	14	..	80

* Includes 44 dwellings erected in 1936 by the Public Works Department and taken over subsequently by the Housing Commission.

† See footnote on page 438.

DWELLING UNITS ERECTED BY THE VICTORIAN HOUSING COMMISSION
TO 30TH JUNE, 1951—*continued.*

Municipality.	Completed to 30th June, 1948.	Completed during Year ended 30th June—			Units Completed to 30th June, 1951.
		1949.	1950.	1951.	
OUTSIDE METROPOLITAN AREA— <i>continued.</i>	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Shires—					
Alberton .. .. .	..	..	11	1	12
Avon .. .. .	..	..	..	4	4
Bacchus Marsh .. .. .	..	17	12	4	33
Bairnsdale .. .. .	..	5	15	14	34
Ballarat .. .. .	..	..	..	22	22
Bet Bet .. .. .	..	..	..	4	4
Beechworth .. .. .	..	10	5	..	15
Bright .. .. .	..	..	8	9	17
Broadford .. .. .	..	..	8	..	8
Buln Buln	41	..	..	..	41
Cohuna	12	..	..	4	16
Corio .. .. .	..	10	46	157	213
Cranbourne	9	..	6	..	15
Dandenong .. .. .	..	..	26	47	73
Dimboola	25	1	..	..	26
Dunmunkle .. .. .	..	..	..	1	1
Euroa	6	..	..	..	6
Frankston and Hastings .. .. .	..	24	..	..	24
Gisborne .. .. .	..	12	..	..	12
Glenelg .. .. .	..	..	3	2	5
Hampden	4	30	26	3	63
Heytesbury .. .. .	..	12	..	..	12
Kerang	11	9	8	..	28
Korumburra	20	..	..	2	22
Kyneton .. .. .	..	1	11	3	15
Maffra	18	4	..	..	22
Mansfield .. .. .	..	..	4	21	25
Mildura	36	23	13	13	85
Mirboo .. .. .	..	4	4	..	8
Morwell	32	50	110	413	605
Narracan	193	154	132	260	739
Numurkah	10	5	2	19	36
Orbost .. .. .	..	10	..	2	12
Rochester .. .. .	..	11	1	..	12
Rodney	28	18	..	19	65
Rutherglen	9	1	..	..	10
Seymour	20	14	26	8	68
Strathfieldsaye	16	3	..	..	19
Swan Hill .. .. .	..	..	6	..	6
Traralgon	115	59	33	22	229
Tungamah .. .. .	..	..	..	20	20
Tullaroop .. .. .	..	..	1	..	1
Warracknabeal	13	9	..	..	22
Warragul	79	40	39	9	167
Winchelsea .. .. .	..	..	8	10	18
Wodonga	25	13	..	1	39
Woorayl	16	..	..	..	16
Yarrawonga .. .. .	..	..	22	4	26
Total outside Metropolitan Area	1,815	904	975	1,334	5,028
Grand Total	6,785	2,357	2,454	2,699	14,295*

* The above statement is exclusive of 268 dwellings which were erected by the Housing Commission for the Commonwealth War Workers' Housing Trust, viz., 234 in the Shire of Braybrook and 34 in the City of Coburg.

State Building Control. The *Building Operations and Building Materials Control Act*, No. 5116 of 1946, brought under State administration the control of building operations and materials formerly administered by the Commonwealth under the National Security Regulations. The principal provisions of this Act and of amending Act No. 5271 of 1948 were published in the *Year Book* for 1946-47, pages 510 and 511.

Amending Act No. 5347 of 1948, which expired on 31st December, 1949, contained provisions in regard to the use of materials and building operations beyond a radius of 60 miles from the General Post Office at the corner of Bourke and Elizabeth streets, Melbourne.

Act No. 5445 of 1949 amended certain provisions in previous Acts relating to the description of building operations which may be undertaken without the consent of the Minister. In addition to imposing penalties, courts were empowered to order any structure erected or altered in contravention of the Act to be pulled down. This Act expired on 31st December, 1950.

Amending Act No. 5479 of 1950, which expires on 31st December, 1951, contains provisions relating to a garage and out-buildings which are included in a dwelling house, villa pair, block of flats or other multiple dwelling, or any building consisting of a shop and dwelling the area of which (including a garage) does not exceed 1,400 square feet, such garage not to exceed 200 square feet in area.

The *Building Operations and Building Materials Control Act* 1946 together with amending Acts Nos. 5259, 5271, 5288, 5347, 5445, and 5479 were reprinted under the authority of Act No. 5479, section 1 (2) on a certificate of the Attorney-General dated 31st January, 1951, and cited as the Building Operations and Building Materials Control Acts.

Building permits. Information relating to the value of buildings for which permits were issued by municipal councils gives a reliable indication, in normal circumstances, of the effect of varying economic conditions on the building industry. The particulars

represent the values recorded, but, owing to the variation in building costs during the periods under review, a complete comparison cannot be made. The statements include War Service Home dwellings but excludes Housing Commission and other Government buildings.

The following statements show the value of buildings for which permits were issued by the municipalities in the metropolitan area during the periods indicated in respect of dwellings, other new buildings, and alterations and additions to existing buildings.

The information is not comparable with statements of building permits issued appearing in the Year-Books prior to 1945-46.

GREATER MELBOURNE—VALUE OF BUILDINGS FOR WHICH PERMITS WERE ISSUED, 1938 AND 1943 TO 1951.

NEW SERIES.

Year Ended 31st December—	Value of Buildings Approved.				Index to Total Value=100 in 1938.
	Dwellings (including Flats, &c.).	Other New Buildings.	Alterations and Additions.	Total.	
	£	£	£	£	
1938	5,318,295	1,640,634	1,445,613	8,404,542	100·00
1943	43,141	513,148	549,550	1,105,839	13·16
1944	177,261	126,210	894,913	1,198,384	14·26
1945	2,059,065	442,719	1,046,643	3,548,427	42·22
1946	9,875,132	1,314,446	1,519,549	12,709,127	151·22
1947	13,685,211	2,156,292	2,057,154	17,898,657	212·96
1948	14,837,267	1,659,443	2,217,297	18,714,007	222·67
1949	20,391,319	1,845,120	2,142,362	24,378,801	290·06
1950	26,342,305	3,044,451	3,186,312	32,573,068	387·56
1951	29,462,521	4,706,556	5,638,532	39,807,609	473·64

The following tables give detailed information relating to the number and value of buildings for which permits were issued by the municipalities in Greater Melbourne during the years specified:—

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED IN GREATER MELBOURNE DURING THE YEARS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1950 AND 1951.

Class of Permit.	Year ended 31st December—			
	1950.		1951.	
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.
		£		£
New Buildings—				
Buildings for Habitation—				
Private Dwellings—				
Brick and concrete	1,398	4,559,436	1,243	5,031,060
Brick veneer	3,114	7,235,202	2,379	6,733,412
Wood, steel, fibro-cement, &c.	7,681	13,578,417	7,408	15,731,024
Flats	68*	692,250	75†	1,835,025
Other	7	277,000	5	132,000
Total, Buildings for Habitation	12,268	26,342,305	11,110	29,462,521
Commercial Buildings—				
With Residence—				
Shops	212	630,676	213	749,920
Garages	1	4,500	..	..
Factories	2	31,567	4	28,000
Other	5	26,500	3	19,290
Without Residence—				
Shops	17	28,130	5	7,200
Garages	7	48,250	10	34,450
Factories	196	1,838,610	271	2,447,725
Other	10	199,663	27	104,835
Public Buildings—				
Hospitals	2	102,977	2	986,000
Churches	2	11,890	16	40,117
Schools	8	88,041	22	242,350
Other	5	33,647	20	46,669
Total, Commercial and Public Buildings	467	3,044,451	593	4,706,556
Alterations and Additions—				
Private Dwellings	9,341	1,481,128	16,285	2,678,967
Flats	19	21,590	30	33,085
Other Buildings for Habitation ..	127	56,879	78	153,909
Shops	163	74,803	170	75,929
Garages (Commercial)	30	24,626	34	23,685
Factories	420	1,111,878	550	1,868,305
Other Business Premises	184	158,221	198	313,706
Public Buildings	84	257,187	105	490,946
Total, Alterations, and Additions	10,368	3,186,312	17,450	5,638,532
Grand Total, Building Permits	23,103	32,573,068‡	29,153	39,807,609‡

* 273 self-contained units.

† 548 self-contained units.

‡ See page 426 for details of value in each municipality.

NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED FOR NEW PRIVATE DWELLINGS (INCLUDING FLATS, HOTELS, ETC.) IN GREATER MELBOURNE, 1938 AND 1943 TO 1951.

NEW SERIES.

Name of Municipality.	Year ended 31st December—									
	1938.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.	1951.
CITIES.										
Box Hill ..	152	2	9	135	524	665	490	609	685	563
Brighton ..	360	..	..	60	231	210	214	207	212	183
Brunswick ..	149	..	3	20	58	53	45	34	61	49
Camberwell ..	882	1	5	188	829	821	764	752	876	711
Caulfield ..	386	..	..	42	217	255	183	176	127	103
Chelsea ..	56	4	14	84	172	231	219	270	285	240
Coburg ..	304	7	10	131	375	550	579	633	805	716
Collingwood ..	20	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	2	3
Essendon ..	238	1	3	53	178	185	171	177	223	202
Fitzroy ..	13	..	..	1	1	2	1	1	..	..
Footscray ..	322	1	6	123	197	275	293	326	386	447
Hawthorn ..	139	..	3	17	41	23	13	24	48	29
Heidelberg (Part) (a)	205	4	16	97	346	525	439	618	587	534
Kew ..	131	..	1	33	148	127	92	108	136	123
Malvern ..	137	1	2	40	100	99	121	117	179	158
Melbourne ..	62	..	1	3	9	8	10	3	11	7
Moorabbin ..	239	5	20	177	938	1,200	1,171	1,712	1,773	1,372
Mordialloc ..	93	..	16	81	353	362	314	445	399	313
Northcote ..	120	..	2	32	106	171	175	199	163	125
Nunawading ..	76	4	15	114	389	412	489	643	735	787
Oakleigh ..	86	..	7	65	278	273	217	409	536	439
Port Melbourne ..	20	..	..	5	15	10	2	6	4	2
Prahran ..	160	..	..	1	3	14	22	24	42	43
Preston ..	298	4	13	114	531	650	667	770	816	720
Richmond ..	37	..	..	..	1	3	2	2	5	3
Sandringham ..	164	2	30	86	229	237	203	232	264	238
South Melbourne ..	18	..	..	3	2	2	2	..	1	3
St. Kilda ..	96	..	..	4	17	13	9	11	14	5
Sunshine* (Part) (b)	101	..	4	62	207	261	337	438	507	465
Williamstown ..	98	..	3	18	69	85	103	279	259	174
BOROUGH.										
Ringwood ..	37	28	58	52	228	279	321	375	449	482
SHIRES.										
Broadmeadows (Part) (c)	73	4	5	64	275	394	402	493	841	760
Keilor (Part) (d)	46	..	..	17	49	74	112	180	236	263
Mulgrave ..	15	12	17	21	176	318	349	493	601	848
Total ..	5,333	80	263	1,944	7,292	8,787	8,531	10,768	12,268	11,110

(a) Excluding Greensborough Ward.

(b) Excluding Western Ward.

(c) Broadmeadows Riding and Campbellfield Riding only.

(d) Dounta Galla Riding only.

* The area of the Shire of Braybrook was redefined by portion of the Western Riding being annexed to the Shire of Melton as from 1st February, 1951. The Shire of Braybrook (as redefined) was declared the City of Sunshine on 16th May, 1951.

NOTE.—Excluding contracts let by the Housing Commission for the erection of dwellings see pages 438 and 439.

VALUE OF ALL BUILDINGS FOR WHICH PERMITS WERE
ISSUED IN GREATER MELBOURNE DURING THE
YEARS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1950 AND 1951.

Name of Municipality.	Year ended 31st December—	
	1950.	1951.
CITIES.	£	£
Box Hill	1,777,001	1,778,281
Brighton	831,513	1,154,563
Brunswick	241,210	197,306
Camberwell	2,803,250	3,109,448
Caulfield	584,412	710,490
Chelsea	540,961	598,828
Coburg	1,571,636	1,659,215
Collingwood	112,614	310,569
Essendon	546,048	745,119
Fitzroy	84,529	108,142
Footscray	915,598	1,283,762
Hawthorn	510,904	508,835
Heidelberg (a)	1,745,093	1,798,865
Kew	614,069	784,608
Malvern	789,901	788,817
Melbourne	851,142	841,163
Moorabbin	4,059,304	4,619,469
Mordialloc	1,035,886	1,004,296
Northcote	445,895	503,873
Nunawading	1,571,949	2,112,615
Oakleigh	1,143,121	1,317,964
Port Melbourne	489,511	512,433
Prahran	404,695	1,152,099
Preston	1,921,444	2,923,133
Richmond	137,368	132,679
Sandringham	848,429	956,396
South Melbourne	170,197	157,356
St. Kilda	247,862	467,152
Sunshine* (Part) (b)	1,030,923	1,320,309
Williamstown	473,298	461,226
BOROUGH.		
Ringwood	824,780	1,127,532
SHIRES.		
Broadmeadows (c)	1,503,521	1,686,671
Keilor (d)	418,650	572,494
Mulgrave	1,326,314	2,401,901
Total	32,573,068	39,807,609

(a) Excluding Greensborough Ward.

(b) Excluding Western Ward.

(c) Broadmeadows and Campbellfield Ridings only.

(d) Dousta Galla Riding only.

NOTE.—The above statement is not comparable with statements of building permits appearing in issues of the *Year-Book* prior to 1945-46.

* See footnote page 438.

With a view to gauging the relative activity of the building industry during recent years in centres outside Greater Melbourne, particulars relating to building permits issued by certain municipalities during each of the five years, 1947 to 1951 are given below:—

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDINGS FOR WHICH PERMITS WERE ISSUED BY CERTAIN PROVINCIAL MUNICIPALITIES, 1947 TO 1951.

Municipality.	Year ended 31st December—	New Buildings.				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
		Dwellings.		Other. Buildings.		No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		No.	Value.	No.	Value.				
			£		£		£		£
Ballarat City ..	1947	158	192,122	13	15,321	259	53,402	430	260,845
	1948	144	215,269	7	352,250	158	81,421	309	648,940
	1949	200	340,850	9	36,320	184	55,762	393	432,932
	1950	252	474,689	4	6,135	196	73,236	452	554,060
	1951	185	412,797	9	20,800	170	90,393	364	523,990
Bendigo City ..	1947	108	141,757	6	8,155	192	23,637	306	173,549
	1948	123	197,737	2	8,600	190	20,120	315	226,457
	1949	128	220,681	6	165,200	267	41,087	401	426,968
	1950	165	320,685	2	17,000	249	130,540	416	468,225
	1951	149	300,941	8	15,950	260	47,832	417	364,723
Geelong City ..	1947	41	65,575	7	45,850	119	12,375	167	123,800
	1948	42	67,776	5	38,300	104	18,553	151	124,629
	1949	35	68,880	7	107,663	122	43,539	164	220,082
	1950	44	96,680	5	20,983	148	35,144	197	152,807
	1951	36	89,950	13	342,950	215	36,667	264	469,567
Geelong West City ..	1947	93	127,630	1	3,000	63	7,655	157	138,285
	1948	98	158,222	1	2,000	77	8,960	176	169,182
	1949	128	213,118	..	..	63	10,739	191	223,857
	1950	161	322,712	1	3,750	31	6,200	193	332,662
	1951	139	353,994	4	16,500	51	10,681	194	381,175

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDINGS FOR WHICH PERMITS WERE
ISSUED BY CERTAIN PROVINCIAL MUNICIPALITIES, 1947 TO
1951—*continued.*

Municipality.	Year ended 31st December—	New Buildings.				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
		Dwellings.		Other Buildings.					
		No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
			£		£		£		£
Horsham City ..	1947	71	69,309	4	8,725	64	8,929	139	86,963
	1948	54	64,131	3	1,400	45	4,050	102	69,581
	1949	59	85,307	2	2,760	105	14,111	166	102,178
	1950	81	134,225	1	550	50	4,420	132	139,195
	1951	86	181,810	2	2,800	102	20,012	190	204,622
Mildura City ..	1947	87	96,832	4	3,812	50	4,394	141	105,038
	1948	102	133,332	6	9,590	43	9,179	151	152,101
	1949	142	203,648	4	154,500	72	8,896	218	367,044
	1950	163	285,375	13	17,500	60	11,237	226	314,112
	1951	110	245,925	4	40,850	109	22,778	242	309,553
Newtown and Chilwell City ..	1947	77	108,355	2	730	56	10,940	135	120,025
	1948	69	121,394	3	1,005	68	13,417	140	135,816
	1949	85	164,678	..	..	52	35,968	137	200,646
	1950	89	196,539	2	325	101	28,797	192	225,661
	1951	68	204,280	3	15,500	141	33,049	212	252,829
Sale City* ..	1947	35	37,215	4	1,940	39	5,027	78	44,182
	1948	50	68,768	3	1,100	53	64,449	106	134,317
	1949	61	90,605	2	1,350	64	11,501	127	103,456
	1950	105	179,265	4	6,930	58	9,811	167	195,506
	1951	83	170,440	2	110,700	43	17,718	128	298,858

* Declared a City from 31st May, 1950.

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDINGS FOR WHICH PERMITS WERE
ISSUED BY CERTAIN PROVINCIAL MUNICIPALITIES, 1947 TO
1951—*continued.*

Municipality.	Year ended 31st December—	New Buildings.				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
		Dwellings.		Other Buildings.		No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		No.	Value.	No.	Value.				
			£		£		£		£
Shepparton City ..	1947	103	131,378	5	10,650	32	11,088	140	153,116
	1948	74	109,837	3	28,500	29	14,854	106	153,191
	1949	142	278,140	8	23,500	127	38,091	277	339,731
	1950	149	289,893	2	30,150	174	118,054	325	438,097
	1951	125	309,287	2	2,000	159	62,205	286	373,492
Warrnambool City ..	1947	46	61,956	1	350	63	24,216	110	86,522
	1948	44	66,719	..	..	65	15,626	109	82,345
	1949	80	126,051	3	93,797	93	15,803	176	235,651
	1950	71	145,188	5	15,390	105	12,623	181	173,201
	1951	82	199,016	3	4,350	119	20,875	204	224,241

PART X.

**FACTORIES, FISHERIES, MINES, ETC.
FISHERIES.**

Certain particulars relating to the fishing industry in Victoria are given hereunder:—

**VICTORIAN FISHERIES—MEN AND BOATS EMPLOYED;
QUANTITY AND VALUE OF PRODUCTION DURING EACH
OF THE YEARS 1947-48 TO 1949-50.**

Year Ended 30th June.	Number of Men.	Boats Employed.		Value of Nets and Other Plant.	Production in Victoria.			
					Fish.		Crayfish.	
		Number.	Value.		Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
			£	£	lb.	£	doz.	£
1948 ..	2,471	1,298	562,719	97,740	12,880,870	590,459	2,314	4,705
1949 ..	2,340	1,243	542,013	100,695	12,634,468	633,492	14,771	26,588
1950* ..	1,049	793	515,633	102,211	11,581,000	677,604	26,297	55,234

*Prior to 1st December, 1949, a netting licence was issued to any person applying for same at a cost of 10s. per year. On 1st December, 1949, a new regulation came into force which provided for two types of licences, (a) an amateur licence costing 10s. per year, which restricted the user to a net not exceeding 150 feet in length and under which the licensee was not permitted to sell his catch; (b) a professional licence costing £2 per year which was only issued to a *bona fide* professional fisherman. Before such a licence was issued the applicant was required to sign a statutory declaration that a substantial portion of his income was derived from the capture and sale of fish or if he was a new entrant to the industry that his income would be derived from the capture and sale of fish.

Where previously any person using a net could also register his boat, under the new conditions an amateur was not deemed to be employed in the fishing industry and therefore a boat being used by such person was not registered.

The figures quoted on the value of boats and equipment and the total take of fish indicate that, in past years practically the whole of those items was made up of professional fishermen's gear and catches. Figures quoted for 1949-50, in effect, show the number of legitimate professional fishermen and boats being used by them.

**Melbourne
Fish Market.**

The quantities and values of fish sold in the Melbourne Fish Market during each of the years 1948-49 and 1949-50 are shown in the next table.

FISH SOLD IN THE MELBOURNE FISH MARKET, 1948-49 AND 1949-50.

	Year Ended 30th June.			
	1949.		1950.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
		£		£
Fresh Fish (Victorian) .. lb.	9,801,050	490,052	9,751,620	568,845
Crayfish doz.	29,519	53,134	36,490	76,746
Imported Fish (fresh or frozen) lb.	3,856,740	286,428	3,447,744	304,175
Oysters bags	3,372	18,018	4,500	3,503
Total .. ..	..	847,632	..	953,269

Prawns (23,600 lb. valued at £3,540) were also sold in this market during 1949-50.

The Ballarat Fish Market ceased operations on 30th June, 1948.

Fish imported. Particulars of imports of fish into Victorian Ports from overseas countries in each of the two years 1948-49 and 1949-50 are given in the following statement:—

VICTORIA—FISH IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA, 1948-49 AND 1949-50.

	Year Ended 30th June.			
	1949.		1950.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
Fish—	lb.	£	lb.	£
Fresh or Preserved by Cold Process	4,703,350	253,038	1,139,922	64,702
Potted or Concentrated, &c. ..	58,155	11,766	25,887	5,922
Preserved in tins, &c.	4,880,871	626,669	5,233,941	663,789
Smoked or dried	298,703	15,467	3,425,573	182,209
Other	96,320	6,250	122,304	6,602
Total	10,037,399	913,190	9,947,627	923,224

RABBITS, ETC.**Frozen rabbits, &c., exported.**

Large quantities of frozen rabbits and hares and of rabbit and hare skins are exported from Victorian Ports to oversea countries. The following table shows the quantities and values so exported during each of the years 1945-46 to 1949-50 :—

VICTORIA—RABBITS AND HARES AND RABBIT AND HARE SKINS EXPORTED OVERSEA 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

Year Ended 30th June—	Frozen Rabbits and Hares.		Rabbit and Hare Skins.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	Pairs.	£	lb.	£
1946	1,035,311	109,044	6,203,553	2,616,670
1947	4,528,137	528,825	4,947,452	2,020,950
1948	9,422,193	1,353,986	5,520,569	1,786,345
1949	14,993,415	2,390,701	4,110,507	1,142,571
1950	12,517,165	2,259,068	3,989,228	598,594

Rabbits, &c., sold at Melbourne Fish Market.

The numbers of pairs of rabbits and hares sold at the Melbourne Fish Market in each of the past five years were as follows :—1945-46, 479,532; 1946-47, 511,908; 1947-48, 262,596; 1948-49, 358,884; and 1949-50, 408,871.

MINES AND MINERALS.

The supervision of mining and the inspection of mines are regulated by Act of Parliament.

Interesting information regarding the rights of the Crown to all minerals on or below the surface of the ground, with reference to the position obtaining towards lands alienated from the Crown will be found in the Year Book for 1940-41 and subsequent issues.

Miners' rights.

The taking out of a "Miner's Right" entitles the holder to prospect for gold on Crown lands. The "Right" may be had for any number of years not exceeding fifteen on payment of a fee at the rate of 2s. 6d. per annum. The holder is entitled to take possession for mining purposes of a defined parcel of Crown lands which is called a "claim." "Claims" may also be taken up under certain conditions on private land. The authority to occupy Crown land under a Miner's Right as a residence area was withdrawn in 1935 by Act No. 4319. The number of miners' rights issued throughout Victoria in each of the years 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, and 1950, were respectively 1,893, 1,553, 1,352, 1,411 and 2,359.

Mining leases. Leases of Crown land and of private land for the purpose of mining for gold are granted for a term not exceeding fifteen years at a yearly rental of 2s. 6d. per acre, except for land that was alienated before 29th December, 1884, where the rental is 6d. per acre. For mining leases of land to be worked by means of dredging or hydraulic sluicing, the yearly rental is 5s. per acre. Other mineral and coal-mining leases are also issued at varying rates.

Petroleum leases and licences. Under the Mines (Petroleum) Acts petroleum mineral leases of not more than 100 square miles and petroleum prospecting licences covering a maximum area of 200 square miles are granted, over Crown lands and land alienated since 1st March, 1892, at yearly rentals of 6d. and 1d. per acre, respectively.

Area occupied for mining. The area of Crown and of private lands occupied under the Mines Acts on 31st December, 1950, was 1,095,637 acres. The subjoined table shows the area being worked for different minerals under such Acts:—

VICTORIA—AREA OCCUPIED UNDER THE MINES ACTS
31ST DECEMBER,* 1950.

(Crown Land and Private Land.)

Nature of Lease or Licence.	Area.	Nature of Lease or Licence.	Area.
	Acres.		Acres.
Gold	20,426	Limestone	216
Coal (black)*	8,963	Magnesite	57
Coal (brown)†	3,946	Marble	6
Coal (black and brown) ..	100	Mineral Water and Gas ..	1
Antimony	268	Molybdenite	30
Antimony and Gold	43	Ochre	6
Barytes	45	Petroleum Prospecting ..	1,056,739
Basalt	36	Pigment	6
Bauxite	348	Sand	53
Bluestone	13	Silver, Lead, and Fluorspar	23
Clay	264	Slate and Gold	10
Diatomaceous Earth	14	Tailings Licences	1,006
Granite	33	Tin	324
Gypsum	2,038	Water Right Licences ..	384
Kaolin	100	Wolfram	40
Kaolin and Gold	6		
Lead and Silver	93	Total	1,095,637

* Includes State Coal Mine Area, 7,575 acres.

† Includes State Electricity Commission Area, 2,800 acres.

Certain gold mining leases include the right to mine for other minerals.

Certain mineral leases include the right to mine for gold.

Mining development. The advances from loan moneys and revenue to mining companies under the provisions of the Mining Development Acts to 30th June, 1930, when assistance under these Acts was discontinued, totalled £285,705.

Since 1935 advances to mining companies have been made under the joint Commonwealth-State scheme for the development of metalliferous mining. The amount so expended up to 31st December, 1950, amounted to £111,258.

**VICTORIA—STATE EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE
CONNECTED WITH MINING, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.**

Item.	Expenditure from Consolidated Revenue.				
	Year ended 30th June.				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
EXPENDITURE.	£	£	£	£	£
Mines Department	30,678	38,267	43,561	50,230	60,851
State Coal Mine	397,530	350,137	398,384	437,066	413,466
Boring for gold, coal, oil, &c. ..	8,618	10,890	11,362	27,535	15,657
State Batteries—Expenses of operation and maintenance, &c.	3,288	4,229	3,991	4,814	9,104
Geological and underground surveys of mines	1,362	2,196	1,875	1,982	5,103
Laboratory expenses, &c. ..	397	356	714	920	624
Contribution towards Lakes Entrance Oil Development ..	5,191	..	..	..	..
Assistance to Mining Industry ..	..	..	..	21,759	12,133
Miscellaneous	1,010	877	1,851	2,265	6,166
Total	448,074	406,952	461,738	546,571	523,104
REVENUE.					
State Coal Mine	344,979	283,333	300,322	350,136	366,077
All other	15,632	18,150	19,555	20,055	21,846
Total	360,611	301,483	319,877	370,191	387,923

**Total
mineral
production.**

The mineral production of the State from lands occupied under the Mines Act (excluding stone raised in quarries, and salt) for the year 1950 and the aggregate mineral production up to 31st December, 1950, are shown in the subjoined statement:—

VICTORIA—MINERAL PRODUCTION.

Metals and Minerals.	During 1950.		Total to 31st December, 1950.*	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	fine oz.	£	fine oz.	£
Gold	67,826	1,050,740	73,201,208	329,193,452
Silver	9,473	2,927	1,682,171	258,345
	ozs.		ozs.	
Platinum .. .. .	..	..	311	1,671
	Tons.		Tons.	
Antimony concentrates (45%) ..	14	1,067	106,016	639,626
Barytes .. .. .	..	..	69	270
Bauxite	2,312	3,389	36,728	44,613
Coal, black	126,431	382,230	20,797,686	18,163,309
Coal, brown	7,327,119	1,706,612	97,897,487	13,123,730
Copper ore .. .. .	..	..	18,740	218,620
Diatomaceous earth	700	3,668	21,204	110,563
Felspar .. .. .	..	..	662	2,362
Fluorspar	89	556	3,646	12,415
Gypsum	39,945	27,341	429,091	232,448
Iron ore .. .. .	..	..	5,461	12,552
Kaolin and other pottery clays ..	9,558	11,541	123,875	182,981
Manganese ore .. .. .	..	..	422	2,009
Magnesite .. .. .	..	..	3,296	11,041
Molybdenite .. .. .	..	..	1,005	63,984
Phosphatic rock .. .. .	..	..	15,781	16,704
Pigment clays .. .. .	..	..	4,502	5,623
Red oxide ex Jarosite .. .. .	..	..	109	1,359
Silver lead ore .. .. .	..	..	804	5,992
Talc .. .. .	..	..	82	410
Tin concentrates (73%)	40	21,327	18,732	1,343,335
Wolfram .. .. .	..	..	137	18,965

* Diamonds valued at £128 and sapphires £630 have been discovered.

Note.—The value of gold as shown above is based on the average value of Victorian gold received at the Melbourne Mint.

Gold production in Victoria. The quantities of gold produced in Victoria in different periods are shown in the next table:—

GOLD PRODUCTION IN VICTORIA, 1851 TO 1950.

Period.	Quantity (Gross oz.).	Period.	Quantity (Fine oz.).
1851-60	23,334,263	1926-30	171,927
1861-70	16,276,566	1931-35	307,370
1871-80	10,156,297	1936-40	744,727
1881-90	7,103,438	1941-45	423,653
1891-1900	7,476,038	1946	86,993
1901-10*	7,095,061	1947	84,709
1911-15	2,161,349	1948	68,580
1916-20	905,561	1949	68,426
1921-25	421,250	1950	67,826

* Gross oz. 1851-1900; fine oz. from 1901 inclusive.

From 1906 until 1930 the yield of gold continued to decrease, that for 1930 (24,119 fine oz.) being the lowest since 1851. In 1930 both the State and Commonwealth Governments undertook a campaign to encourage prospecting and mining, particularly amongst the unemployed, and this resulted in a gradual increase in the production of gold throughout the State. A steady increase in the world price of gold and the depreciation of the Australian Currency in terms of gold further stimulated the mining industry until 1941 when, owing to man-power restrictions due to the necessities of the war effort, production declined. It reached the low figure of 54,086 fine ounces in 1944, increased slightly in each of the two following years but decreased thereafter to 68,426 fine ounces in 1949 and 67,826 fine ounces in 1950. The price of gold in Australia in 1930 was £4 8s. 9d. per fine ounce (export parity calculated from London price). On the 19th September, 1949, consequent on the devaluation of the £ sterling the Australia Mint price which had been £10 15s. 3d. from 1946 inclusive, was increased to £15 9s. 10d. per fine ounce at which rate it has since remained.

The number of men employed in gold mining in Victoria during each of the last five years is shown hereunder:—

MEN EMPLOYED IN GOLD MINING.

Year.	Alluvial.	Quartz.	Total.
	No.	No.	No.
1946	350	932	1,282
1947	251	1,033	1,284
1948	188	876	1,064
1949	194	825	1,019
1950	300	750	1,050

The two main headings under which financial assistance is rendered to mining parties and companies are, (a) grants to small parties which are paid to each member at the rate of £1 per week, and (b) loans to approved mining companies and syndicates.

The yields in fine ounces in the other principal gold-producing States in 1950 were 610,333 in Western Australia, 88,249 in Queensland, and 51,350 in New South Wales.

The total production of the Commonwealth in fine ounces was 1,645,697 in 1939, 824,480 in 1946, 937,654 in 1947, 885,507 in 1948, 889,058 in 1949, and 869,537 in 1950.

The total production of gold in the world in fine ounces (millions) as shown in the United States Mint Report, has been estimated as follows:—1943, 28,900; 1944, 26,400; 1945, 26,100; 1946, 27,500; 1947, 28,900; 1948, 29,600; and 1949, 30,600. Limitations on the dependability of these estimates are noted on page 114 of that Report for 1950.

**Government
batteries,
cyanidation,
and dredging
and sluicing.**

Particulars relating to the operations of Government batteries, all cyanide works, and of dredging and sluicing plants for the years 1946 to 1950 are as follows:—

VICTORIA—GOVERNMENT BATTERIES, CYANIDATION, AND DREDGING AND SLUICING, 1946 TO 1950.

Year.	Government Batteries.			Cyanidation.			Dredging and Sluicing.		
	Number of Batteries Operating.	Quantity of Ore Treated for Gold.	Yield of Gold.	Number of Plants.	Quantity of Tailings Treated.	Yield of Gold.	Number of Plants.	Quantity of Material Treated.	Yield of Gold.
		tons.	fine oz.		tons.	fine oz.		cub. yds.	fine oz.
1946 ..	12	979	740	40	262,810	8,694	15	4,530,956	14,129
1947 ..	13	826	763	39	268,893	9,977	17	6,913,500	14,746
1948 ..	10	533	185	30	376,143	10,746	15	4,818,000	13,057
1949 ..	10	423	157	24	359,577	10,312	16	4,019,670	13,580
1950 ..	9	506	302	27	468,758	10,834	23	6,721,530	14,381

The first Government battery was erected in 1897. Since that date Government batteries have crushed 248,778 tons of ore for 137,030 oz. of gold.

Up to the end of 1950, tailings aggregating 26,734,872 tons had been treated by the cyanide and other processes, and 1,643,799 oz. of gold had been won therefrom.

Since the inception of mechanical dredge and sluice mining 2,199,097 oz. of gold have been won by these systems.

**Mining
district
gold yields.**

The following table shows the yield of alluvial and quartz gold in fine ounces in the various mining districts:—

VICTORIA—DISTRICT YIELDS OF GOLD (ALLUVIAL AND QUARTZ) 1950.

Mining District.			Alluvial.	Quartz.	Total.
			fine oz.	fine oz.	fine oz.
Ararat and Stawell	..	..	116	30	146
Ballarat	..	..	1,406	319	1,725
Beechworth	..	..	19,515	6,902	26,417
Bendigo	..	..	15,854	205	16,059
Castlemaine	..	..	10,484	6,714	17,198
Gippsland	..	..	2,902	202	3,104
Maryborough	..	..	2,791	386	3,177
Total	..	..	53,068	14,758	67,826*

*This yield was obtained from 79,892 gross ounces as compared with 68,426 fine ounces obtained from 82,135 gross ounces in 1949.

Coal.

Bituminous coal was mined during 1950 at Jumbunna, Kileunda, Korumburra, Outtrim, and Wonthaggi, and brown coal at Bacchus Marsh, Dean Marsh, Thorpdale, Yan Yan Gurt (near Winchelsea), Yallourn and Yallourn North. The coal resources of Victoria have been described in detail in previous issues of the *Year-book*.

Production of black coal, brown coal, and briquettes.

The production and value of black and brown coal respectively, and the production of briquettes are shown hereunder for specified periods:—

VICTORIA.—COAL PRODUCTION AND VALUE.

Period.	Black Coal.		Brown Coal.		Briquettes— Annual Production.
	Annual Production.	Value.	Annual Production.	Value.	
	tons.	£	tons.	£	tons.
1921-25..	520,705*	591,703	258,094*	61,558	77,945†
1926-30..	668,177*	892,734	1,515,592*	192,612	135,185*
1931-35..	472,030*	444,003	2,445,215*	256,261	311,020*
1936 ..	426,725	390,743	3,044,897	323,914	355,088
1937 ..	257,945	254,126	3,393,919	325,950	390,493
1938 ..	307,258	286,679	3,675,450	351,721	414,059
1939 ..	364,895	259,814	3,651,014	385,952	414,598
1940 ..	267,694	230,452	4,278,475	391,549	427,530
1941 ..	326,441	303,761	4,565,638	422,993	419,104
1942 ..	312,854	411,107	4,933,861	469,699	416,928
1943 ..	287,100	429,358	5,091,729	528,666	411,355
1944 ..	257,692	407,793	5,016,437	566,444	428,844
1945 ..	247,297	494,690	5,445,108	641,069	455,076
1946 ..	191,290	397,662	5,707,039	706,504	504,275
1947 ..	173,683	299,784	6,140,140	937,429	513,891
1948 ..	167,540	347,687	6,692,291	1,187,715	542,189
1949 ..	122,507	379,464	7,375,559	1,469,455	576,603
1950 ..	126,431	382,230	7,327,119	1,706,612	526,781

* Average annual production.

† 1,392 tons in 1924, 76,553 tons in 1925.

The number of men employed in coal mining during the last five years was as follows:—

MEN EMPLOYED IN COAL MINING.

Year.				Black Coal.	Brown. Coal.	Total.
				No.	No.	No.
1946	..	..	..	924	655	1,579
1947	..	..	..	860	594	1,454
1948	..	..	..	824	626	1,450
1949	..	..	..	787	811	1,598
1950	..	..	..	777	889	1,666

The quantities of coal which were produced in the other States during the last five years were as follows:—

COAL PRODUCTION—IN STATES OTHER THAN VICTORIA.

Year.			New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.
			tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.
1946	..	..	11,216,535	1,567,520	135,460	642,287	158,751
1947	..	..	11,708,414	1,883,414	193,351	730,506	167,140
1948	..	..	11,721,446	1,742,396	239,464	732,938	179,393
1949	..	..	10,736,098	1,962,097	337,233	751,795	177,631
1950	..	..	12,798,201	2,327,614	255,659	801,440	209,419

Tin Production in Victoria.

According to returns supplied to the Mines Department by the various Mining Companies, the amount of tin concentrates obtained in Victoria up to 31st December, 1950, was 18,732 tons, valued at £1,343,335. A large proportion of this yield was obtained as an incidental return from gold-mining operations.

The principal tin-bearing districts are in the north-east portion of the State, including Eldorado, Chiltern, Beechworth, Omeo, Granya, Mitta Mitta, Mount Wills, and Rutherglen. Tin is also found at Foster and Toora in South Gippsland; other known tin-bearing districts include Bunyip, Wilson's Promontory, and Gembrook.

Mining Accidents.

The numbers of fatal and of non-fatal accidents which occurred in gold and coal mines and quarries during the past five years are shown in the following table. Only those non-fatal accidents have been recorded which rendered the injured unfit for work for a period of at least fourteen days.

VICTORIA—MINING ACCIDENTS, 1946 TO 1950.

Year.	Gold Mines.		Coal Mines.		Quarries.	
	Fatal Accidents.	Serious Accidents.	Fatal Accidents.	Serious Accidents.	Fatal Accidents.	Serious Accidents.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1946 .. ..	..	7	1	7	1	8
1947	2	9	..	11	4	15
1948	2	3	..	8	1	11
1949	3	3	..	4	7	9
1950	2	7	..	3	3	10

Quarries. The recorded quantities and values of the principal kinds of stone raised in Victoria during the past five years are as set forth in the following table:—

VICTORIA—QUARRIES AND STONE-CRUSHING PLANTS, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

Year ended 30th June—	Number of Returns.	Main Kinds of Stone Extracted.				Approximate Value of Stone Raised. *
		Bluestone.	Sand-stone.	Granite.	Limestone.	
		cub. yds.	cub. yds.	tons.	tons.	£
1946 ..	100	652,696	7,832	39,200	327,840	549,318
1947 ..	113	967,899	15,332	66,674	395,130	759,465
1948 ..	102	1,055,176	31,953	78,109	395,615	911,224
1949 ..	108	1,097,702	47,008	60,076	458,828	1,163,827
1950 ..	112	1,406,807	52,200	77,772	475,879	1,503,334

* Wholesale selling value of stone at the works, exclusive of delivery charges.

Information in the foregoing table has been obtained from "regular" quarries which are known to have a fixed plant and which are in permanent production. It is realized that there is considerable quarry production unrecorded due mainly to contractors who, requiring material from a source adjacent to the work for which they are suppliers, open up quarries for that purpose or exploit stone outcrops, mine tailings, &c. This work is usually only of a temporary nature.

Much of the sand and gravel used in road, railway, and general building is obtained from sources other than regular sand and gravel pits; limestone rubble extensively used on roads in the north-western portion of the State is usually obtained from adjacent outcrops. It has been found impracticable to obtain quantities and values of all such materials.

The Municipalities, Country Roads Board, and Railways Department have furnished returns from which the following table has been compiled. Information has not been collected for years later than those shown below :—

**VICTORIA—QUANTITY OF STONE, ETC., USED FOR
ROAD MAKING, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE.**

Material.	Municipalities.		Railways.		Country Roads Board.	
	1945-46.	1946-47.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1945-46.	1946-47.
	cub. yds.	cub. yds.	cub. yds.	cub. yds.	cub. yds.	cub. yds.
Bluestone, basalt, &c.	264,969	404,683	82,941	114,370	52,804	148,048
Salamander	8,574	7,923	..	..	..	500
Scoria	57,229	65,711	..	..	3,296	9,190
Sandstone	32,639	46,005	..	..	48,560	210,100
Limestone	243,526*	321,138*	..	..	44,373	46,117
Quartzite-Quartz ..	30,610	30,830	..	..	17,585	35,440
Toscanite .. ..	..	5,000	..	..	..	..
Ironstone	22,656	49,420	..	..	..	..
Shale	3,555	9,660	..	..	1,000	500
Schist	6,186	1,648	..	..	..	..
Granite	28,236	32,304	3,511	3,960	300	370
Other stone	26,470	10,718	..	..	..	..
Gravel	583,803	855,750	22,149	24,321	49,801	178,140
Sand	155,688	235,503	..	..	49,998	124,822
Total	1,464,141	2,076,293	108,601	142,651	267,717	753,227

* Includes limestone rubble, 146,580 cub. yds. in 1945-46, and 173,963 cub. yds. in 1946-47.

THE SEARCH FOR OIL IN VICTORIA.

The history of the search for oil in Victoria is recorded in the *Year-Book* 1937-38, page 504.

Exploratory work in connexion with the development of oil deposits at Lakes Entrance was carried on by private enterprise during 1950. Crude oil yield from tests carried out during the year amounted to 40,000 gallons. The aggregate yield of such oil to the 31st December, 1950, was 219,693 gallons.

FACTORIES IN VICTORIA.

Industrial Progress.

Statistical records of factories in Victoria date from 1850, when the number of factories was 68. In 1900 the total had reached 3,097 and 64,207 persons were employed therein. Fairly regular progress, concurrent with increase in population and consequent extension of the home market, was maintained until 1928-29 when the onset of the world depression caused a severe check to the manufacturing industries of the State. Statistics for the years 1927-28 to 1931-32 demonstrate clearly the effect of gradually declining prices and restricted activity.

Thereafter, however, an upward trend obtained until 1938-39 when due to a drop in export prices and also to a severe drought in Victoria, manufacturing industries were adversely affected and there was a consequent decline in employment.

The exigencies of the world war which commenced in September, 1939, made unprecedented demands on the industrial capacity of the State both in regard to the equipment of the armed forces and the provision of civilian needs.

In order to ensure that the resources of the State would be used to the best possible advantage in the national interest the Commonwealth Government established controls in 1941. As a result of the controls thus exercised the activities of "luxury" industries were drastically curtailed, while outstanding expansion took place in those industries deemed vital to the war effort.

The end of the war in August, 1945, brought about a relaxing of war-time controls and the commencement of the rehabilitation of men and women of the fighting forces into civil activities. This transposition did not have a marked effect on factory production as a whole during 1945-46, for the decline which took place in the industries which had been closely associated with the war effort was counterbalanced by an expansion in those whose activities had been drastically curtailed as a result of the implementation of the war economy. After the immediate effects of the war had passed there was notable expansion

in industrial activity and in each succeeding year record figures, were established in secondary production. This was attributable in some degree to the influence of the increasing trend in price levels which became more pronounced in the years 1947-48, 1948-49 and 1949-50. Comparison of the results of the last-mentioned two years show that in 1948-49 as compared with 1949-50, the number of factories rose from 12,702 to 13,231, the average number of employees increased from 292,006 to 303,476, and the net value of production increased from £182,760,376 to £219,244,607.

Victoria has a comparatively compact territory producing a variety of raw materials; a temperate climate; an intelligent labour supply; large power resources; a growing home market and an extensive system of State-owned railways served by a network of feeder roads. It possesses highways and main roads which cater effectively for the ever growing motor haulage industry. These advantages, coupled with the continued organization of production and of markets therefor, should maintain the progress of the State in the manufacturing field. The Commonwealth Government's policy of protection, by tariffs, for local industries has no doubt been of assistance in attracting capital for investment in manufacturing industries in this State.

In the table below particulars indicating the development of the manufacturing industries of Victoria during the twenty-year period 1930-31 to 1949-50 are given.

VICTORIA—GROWTH IN FACTORY PRODUCTION.

Year ended 30th June—	Number of Factories.	Number of Persons Employed.	Value of Plant, Machinery, Land, and Buildings.	Amount of Salaries and Wages Paid.	Value of Materials used (including Containers).	Value of Output.
			£	£	£	£
1931.. ..	8,199	126,016	70,990,071	23,279,689	50,380,110	93,425,795
1932.. ..	8,204	128,265	68,350,575	21,258,599	51,727,685	93,388,617
1933.. ..	8,612	144,428	67,827,428	23,096,512	56,757,681	102,085,429
1934.. ..	8,896	156,334	68,834,279	24,819,143	59,776,270	108,496,310
1935.. ..	9,100	169,691	70,591,677	27,318,815	63,387,061	117,182,857
1936.. ..	9,160	183,390	71,872,906	30,593,707	74,568,265	134,043,170
1937.. ..	9,165	191,383	75,161,894	33,192,904	78,233,032	142,692,192
1938.. ..	9,241	201,789	77,207,830	37,228,543	85,926,478	157,050,725
1939.. ..	9,250	201,831	80,596,625	38,305,885	80,721,680	152,967,611
1940.. ..	9,215	212,461	84,553,699	41,920,726	93,390,751	174,304,401
1941.. ..	9,121	237,636	92,050,326	52,294,673	112,024,332	209,348,845
1942.. ..	8,918	258,400	98,157,370	67,158,613	136,068,136	257,281,080
1943.. ..	8,738	262,357	104,605,310	76,033,111	144,778,354	277,678,940
1944.. ..	9,317	261,299	110,520,701	77,400,688	149,189,244	284,647,914
1945.. ..	9,669	257,633	116,379,925	74,227,245	152,761,198	287,422,311
1946.. ..	10,195	256,249	118,802,347	70,499,214	154,224,950	286,989,408
1947.. ..	10,949	265,757	121,877,270	77,993,765	170,223,745	315,437,679
1948.. ..	11,642	278,271	132,058,592	93,802,188	203,121,836	377,412,025
1949.. ..	12,702	292,006	149,463,382	112,410,440	244,486,168	446,837,879
1950.. ..	13,231	303,476	176,872,369	130,254,694	284,197,019	526,466,280

NOTE:—Particulars of the amounts taken by working proprietors as drawings have not been collected since 1945-46 (inclusive).

**Factories and
Wages Board
Legislation.**

The first Factories Act in Victoria was passed in 1873 and since that year many other Acts dealing with the subject have been placed upon the statute-book. The *Factories and Shops Act* 1928 consolidated all Acts passed prior to that date. The general provisions of factory legislation, including Wages Boards, are further referred to in Part XI., "Social Condition," of this *Year-Book*.

**Statistics Act
1928.**

Statistics relating to the factories of Victoria are collected by the Government Statist in accordance with the provisions of the *Statistics Act* 1928. In the year 1902, Australian statisticians adopted a uniform classification of industries for statistical purposes in all States. A factory is taken to be an industrial establishment in which four or more hands are employed or in which power other than hand is used. In 1930, a new classification, based upon that used in Great Britain for census purposes, was adopted and still obtains. The definition of a factory remains unchanged.

Added Value.

In estimating the relative importance of various industries, or the value of manufacturing industry as a whole, the method used is to calculate the value added in the process of manufacture. This "added value" is arrived at in the following way:—From the value of output of each industry are deducted the most important items of manufacturing expense such as costs of raw materials, containers, fuel and light, repairs to plant and machinery, and replacement of tools; the remainder constitutes the value added to raw materials in the process of manufacture, and represents the fund available for the payment of wages, taxation, rent, interest, insurance, &c., and profit.

It is considered that, owing to the duplication of materials used, the finished product of one process of manufacture forming, as it often does, the raw material for another, an inaccurate impression would be obtained by using the total value of output of manufacturing industries in year to year comparisons. Woollen manufactures might be cited as an example. Greasy wool forms the raw material for the wool-scouring industry, the product of which is scoured wool. This is afterwards combed into wool tops which are used in the spinning mills for the manufacture of yarn. In due course the yarn is woven into cloth, the raw material for the clothing industry. If these processes are carried out separately in different factories it is evident that the value of the wool would be counted five times by using value of output as the basis for annual comparisons of manufacturing production.

The concept of "Added value" prevents this double counting, gives a truer picture of the relative economic importance of industries, and also provides a good basis for estimating and comparing productive efficiency in manufacturing.

The subjoined table shows the value added per person employed in each class of manufacturing industry for the year ended 30th June, 1950 :—

VICTORIA—VALUE ADDED BY PROCESS OF MANUFACTURE,
1949-50.

Class of Industry.	Average Number of Persons Employed.	Value Added.	Value Added per Person Employed.
		£	£
1. Treatment of non-metalliferous mine and quarry products	4,998	4,232,219	847
2. Bricks, pottery, glass, &c.	4,621	3,139,706	679
3. Chemicals, dyes, explosives, paint, oils, and grease	11,590	12,818,941	1,106
4. Industrial metals, machines, imple- ments, and conveyances	98,852	71,183,589	720
5. Precious metals, jewellery, and plate	3,499	2,353,499	673
6. Textiles and textile goods (not dress)	34,264	22,585,585	659
7. Skins and leather (not clothing or footwear)	5,777	4,700,755	814
8. Clothing	48,133	25,480,171	529
9. Food, drink, and tobacco	38,555	32,360,822	839
10. Woodworking and basketware	13,364	9,437,606	706
11. Furniture, bedding, &c.	5,907	3,881,596	657
12. Paper, stationery, printing, book- binding, &c.	17,439	13,948,905	800
13. Rubber	4,758	4,485,701	943
14. Musical instruments	185	115,136	622
15. Miscellaneous products	7,910	4,969,220	628
16. Heat, light, and power	3,624	3,551,056	980
Total	303,476	219,244,607	722*

* Average for whole State.

As added value is based on value of output, the added value per employee is affected not only by output per employee, but also by the price obtained, and should, therefore, in a comparison of the results of different years, be corrected to allow for variations in price levels. Other important factors are the quantity and the efficiency of the machinery used in the process of manufacture.

The table hereunder summarizes the total value added by the process of manufacturing in each of the past ten years:—

VICTORIA—VALUE ADDED BY PROCESS OF MANUFACTURE.

Year ended 30th June—	Value of Output.	Expenses of Manufactur- ing.*	Value Added.	Average Number of Persons Employed.	Value Added per Person Employed.
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
	£	£	£		£
1941	209,348,845	120,348,134	89,000,711	237,636	375
1942	257,281,080	146,343,466	110,937,614	258,400	429
1943	277,678,940	156,299,193	121,379,747	262,357	463
1944	284,647,914	161,317,396	123,330,518	261,299	472
1945	287,422,311	165,045,004	122,377,307	257,633	475
1946	286,989,408	166,738,921	120,250,487	256,249	469
1947	315,437,679	183,941,529	131,496,150	265,757	495
1948	377,412,025	218,911,005	158,501,020	278,271	569
1949	446,837,879	264,077,503	182,760,376	292,006	626
1950	526,466,280	307,221,673	219,244,607	303,476	722

* "Expenses of manufacturing" includes the following costs only:—Raw materials, containers, fuel and light, tools replaced, repairs to plant and machinery, lubricating oil, and water.

NOTE.—Column 3 deducted from column 2 gives column 4, which when divided by column 5 gives column 6.

Production of different industries, 1949-1950. The classification of industries, as adopted in 1930, is set out in the next table. The data shown were compiled from returns rendered compulsorily by all factory proprietors in Victoria. It should, however, be noted that, where a factory, engaged in the production of such goods as would entitle it to classification in more than one sub-class of industry, is unable to give separate production costs, &c., in respect thereof, it is classified according to the predominant product of such factory.

VICTORIAN FACTORIES—POWER, WORKERS, MANUFAC

Nature of Industry.	Factories.	Rated Horse-power of Engines.	Average Number Employed.		Salaries and Wages Paid.
			Males.	Females.	
	No.	H.P.	No.	No.	£
Class 1.—Non-metalliferous Mine and Quarry Products	365	44,415	4,800	198	2,268,181
Briquetting	1	24,708	412	6	260,805
Lime, Plaster, and Asphalt	25	2,763	328	13	175,087
Fibrous Plaster and Products	129	1,245	1,335	48	559,725
Marble, Slate, &c.	50	2,327	377	11	163,438
Cement and cement goods, &c.	136	10,266	1,727	36	761,248
Asbestos cement sheets and Mouldings	5	1,481	359	13	190,548
Other	19	1,625	262	71	157,330
Class 2.—Bricks, Pottery, Glass, &c.	135	22,807	4,238	383	2,078,446
Bricks, tiles, and firebricks	62	14,215	1,913	42	936,513
Earthenware, china, and porcelain	40	3,243	1,104	236	602,192
Other (including Glass and Glass Bottles)	33	5,349	1,221	105	539,741
Class 3.—Chemicals, Dyes, Explosives, Paint, Oils, and Grease	298	71,957	8,965	2,625	5,579,241
Industrial and heavy chemicals, and acids	57	12,363	1,508	200	906,904
Pharmaceutical and toilet preparations	49	2,761	685	769	546,407
Explosives (including fireworks)	9	27,383	2,171	638	1,326,143
White lead, paints, and varnish	51	4,469	808	219	483,524
Oils, vegetable (including oilcake)	4	622	78	4	48,447
Oils, mineral	18	2,173	439	41	234,854
Oils, animal	4	1,500	159	19	101,620
Boiling down, tallow refining	26	3,540	499	4	290,644
Soap and candles	19	2,631	618	155	382,592
Chemical fertilizers	9	11,208	1,206	40	702,840
Inks and polishes	44	1,571	355	255	260,626
Other	8	1,736	439	281	294,640
Class 4.—Industrial Metals, Machines, Implements, and Conveyances	3,898	253,909	88,669	10,183	46,362,904
Smelting, converting, refining of iron and steel	10	7,858	962	33	593,948
Foundries (ferrous)	201	6,634	2,148	100	1,058,183
Plant equipment and machinery	499	52,421	15,410	1,533	8,213,668
Other engineering	530	18,650	6,494	419	3,149,632
Extracting and refining of other metals: Alloys	17	377	154	26	106,636
Electrical machinery, cables and apparatus	238	11,219	5,754	1,424	3,172,695
Tramcars and rolling stock (Government)	25	15,882	6,635	20	3,082,342
Motor vehicles—					
Construction and assembly	16	11,181	5,191	521	3,370,800
Repairs	1,290	8,375	9,034	719	3,741,819
Motor bodies	158	9,778	5,109	328	2,535,015
Horse-drawn vehicles	40	278	164	5	61,691
Motor accessories	56	5,133	1,746	724	1,130,036
Aircraft	16	12,373	6,055	450	3,189,476
Cycles (foot and hand driven), and accessories	32	608	391	87	159,939
Ship and boat building—					
Government	4	5,193	1,219	61	642,966
Municipal and other	29	1,860	904	7	539,728
Cutlery and small hand tools	55	8,680	1,633	295	877,909
Agricultural machines and implements	72	16,117	5,199	379	2,798,859
Non-ferrous metals—rolling and extrusion	3	3,114	292	20	181,961
Founding, casting, &c.	147	8,675	2,357	282	1,196,904

TURING COSTS AND VALUE OF PRODUCTION, 1949-50.

Fuel and Light Used.	Lubricating Oil and Water.	Repairs to Plant, &c.	Materials Used, Including Containers.	Articles Produced or Work Done.	Value Added.	Land and Buildings.	Plant and Machinery.
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
578,069	33,533	263,568	3,773,386	8,880,775	4,232,219	1,441,475	1,958,805
125,262	15,469	35,441	250,245	844,326	417,909	264,063	671,671
63,066	3,376	31,034	636,470	1,152,258	418,312	102,101	100,439
14,685	2,465	16,777	891,572	1,922,561	997,062	274,406	134,921
6,018	1,355	12,767	154,951	479,204	304,113	71,278	54,779
338,771	7,268	125,718	1,219,370	3,134,068	1,442,941	587,869	875,632
9,766	2,554	21,213	363,274	741,644	344,837	83,068	71,349
20,501	1,046	20,618	257,504	606,714	307,045	58,690	50,014
832,209	35,598	402,477	1,251,981	5,661,971	3,139,706	1,193,471	1,152,315
331,742	15,013	92,401	150,438	1,899,423	1,309,829	489,591	566,200
123,195	4,089	46,134	207,059	1,252,611	872,134	290,565	214,838
377,272	16,496	263,942	894,484	2,509,937	957,743	413,315	371,277
879,694	74,625	647,562	21,346,933	35,767,755	12,818,941	6,881,726	8,747,333
192,789	15,178	132,119	2,433,992	4,745,823	1,971,745	696,555	870,415
20,104	3,451	42,187	2,196,927	3,965,171	1,702,502	469,583	309,519
113,828	14,942	85,521	1,500,946	3,353,157	1,637,920	3,224,351	4,020,348
28,518	2,428	51,005	2,741,848	4,181,111	1,357,312	627,594	450,985
6,874	344	5,274	768,465	923,505	142,548	32,546	20,489
97,259	7,533	34,967	2,830,670	4,278,961	1,308,532	310,360	1,003,844
37,191	6,592	24,158	204,828	384,014	111,245	83,662	79,704
107,138	5,425	43,119	525,443	1,353,209	672,084	148,426	153,266
149,895	4,741	71,448	1,538,408	2,927,453	1,162,961	332,393	540,615
96,355	10,703	139,284	4,576,109	6,461,135	1,638,684	577,699	1,061,668
11,756	1,361	11,462	1,190,594	1,857,264	642,091	241,803	117,137
17,987	1,927	7,018	838,703	1,336,952	471,317	136,754	119,343
1,772,570	188,713	2,616,476	58,470,450	134,231,798	71,183,589	25,207,011	22,354,239
111,487	3,546	80,805	519,469	1,604,393	889,086	194,879	299,332
124,143	4,344	52,427	809,828	2,625,570	1,634,828	521,987	423,710
295,635	35,941	537,752	11,952,902	26,086,387	13,264,157	4,335,913	4,105,708
85,759	12,651	132,156	2,703,178	7,768,892	4,835,148	1,843,029	1,561,140
15,139	261	7,808	993,624	1,264,732	247,900	81,535	26,035
88,349	9,280	129,725	4,834,686	9,900,113	4,838,073	1,532,387	1,099,824
87,682	2,937	215,511	2,028,891	6,409,097	4,074,076	1,425,227	477,466
91,664	21,752	184,732	1,985,742	7,560,838	5,276,948	988,615	1,399,387
90,895	19,044	134,215	3,755,364	9,730,259	5,730,741	3,444,689	1,173,654
53,852	7,844	124,850	3,475,094	7,219,820	3,558,180	1,124,381	475,152
2,163	281	2,729	32,356	132,786	95,257	48,461	13,717
41,409	6,207	77,810	1,161,182	3,068,637	1,782,029	577,505	443,555
68,281	10,279	84,232	2,196,898	6,180,304	3,820,614	1,598,930	1,528,072
9,548	1,806	13,593	244,840	503,538	233,751	154,882	58,594
12,472	2,001	24,152	340,038	1,071,447	692,784	635,079	463,389
9,646	958	17,085	225,739	1,127,528	874,100	101,120	100,058
44,792	4,821	44,945	937,005	2,574,915	1,543,352	382,494	406,399
166,504	14,422	199,569	4,087,125	8,348,522	3,880,902	1,255,510	1,501,751
24,276	2,301	18,267	1,398,596	1,862,567	419,127	144,471	172,506
68,950	4,306	52,117	1,556,807	3,613,293	1,931,113	530,416	409,839

VICTORIAN FACTORIES—POWER, WORKERS, MANUFACTURING

Nature of Industry.	Factories.	Rated Horse-power of Engines.	Average Number Employed.		Salaries and Wages Paid.
			Males.	Females.	
	No.	H.P.	No.	No.	£
Class 4.—continued.					
Sheet metal working, pressing and stamping ..	254	11,950	5,002	1,474	2,839,474
Pipes, tubes, fittings—ferrous ..	8	1,947	183	7	95,656
Wire and wireworking (including nails) ..	47	3,224	1,165	166	615,220
Stoves, ovens, and ranges ..	22	2,638	881	140	490,650
Gas fittings and meters ..	4	38	244	2	119,932
Lead mills ..	6	694	87	31	55,135
Sewing machines ..	10	46	108	15	52,091
Arms, ammunition ..	8	29,443	2,094	235	1,120,919
Wireless and amplifying apparatus ..	22	1,235	1,449	499	864,350
Other metal works ..	79	1,288	605	181	305,270
Class 5.—Precious Metals, Jewellery, and Plate ..	218	5,381	2,932	567	1,540,756
Jewellery ..	80	714	928	225	499,713
Watches and clocks ..	19	546	568	197	363,733
Gold, silver, and electroplate ..	119	4,121	1,436	145	677,310
Class 6.—Textiles and Textile Goods (not dress)	621	77,322	15,721	18,543	13,126,177
Cotton spinning and weaving ..	46	11,094	1,333	1,488	1,166,819
Wool, worsted, spinning and weaving, &c. ..	95	37,660	6,414	5,700	4,954,740
Hosiery and other knitted goods ..	327	9,175	4,711	9,493	4,881,239
Silk, natural ..	6	2,014	134	256	133,007
Rayon, nylon, and other synthetic fibres ..	6	1,707	474	209	291,688
Flax mills ..	10	1,896	384	58	195,524
Rope and cordage ..	14	7,274	988	647	696,393
Canvas goods tents, &c. ..	35	257	228	195	155,220
Bags and sacks ..	23	332	154	65	78,758
Other ..	59	5,913	901	432	572,789
Class 7.—Skins and Leather (not Clothing or Footwear)	276	17,812	4,550	1,227	2,652,887
Furriers and fur dressing ..	65	462	278	205	188,716
Fellmongery ..	29	4,848	1,012	12	579,181
Tanning and leather dressing ..	46	11,140	2,332	165	1,277,156
Saddlery, harness, and whips ..	10	107	93	42	46,285
Machine belting ..	9	650	127	33	82,217
Bags and trunks ..	117	605	708	770	479,332
Class 8.—Clothing	2,373	23,240	14,655	33,478	16,100,274
Tailoring and ready-made clothing ..	560	2,271	3,141	7,501	3,557,969
Waterproof and oilskin clothing ..	15	530	119	372	193,000
Dressmaking ..	630	2,184	1,496	10,675	3,716,485
Millinery ..	63	584	217	975	396,086
Shirts, collars, and underclothing ..	137	1,584	580	4,277	1,398,390
Stays and corsets ..	22	491	186	1,020	423,515
Handkerchiefs, ties, and scarves ..	26	106	82	441	176,613
Hats and caps ..	18	1,197	445	291	317,354
Gloves ..	27	141	110	413	149,705
Boots and shoes ..	235	8,390	5,645	5,684	4,285,370
Boot repairing ..	410	556	705	30	122,295
Boot accessories ..	34	501	251	260	166,552
Umbrellas and walking sticks ..	4	6	22	52	23,594
Dyeworks and cleaning ..	168	4,622	1,592	1,283	1,086,139
Other ..	24	77	64	204	87,207
Class 9.—Food, Drink, and Tobacco	1,918	141,581	27,991	10,564	17,033,536
Grain milling ..	38	10,626	1,220	52	654,780
Cereal foods and starch ..	22	6,384	848	500	567,033
Cattle and poultry foods ..	10	1,223	167	14	86,926
Chaff-cutting and corn-crushing ..	84	2,431	370	25	144,539
Bakeries ..	897	4,751	3,748	1,098	1,616,564

COSTS AND VALUE OF PRODUCTION, 1949-50—continued.

Fuel and Light Used.	Lubricat- ing Oil and Water.	Repairs to Plant, &c.	Materials Used, Including Containers.	Articles Produced or Work Done.	Value Added.	Land and Buildings.	Plant and Machinery.
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
92,457	9,774	250,827	7,532,275	13,519,966	5,634,633	1,363,168	1,281,451
6,921	636	13,719	212,158	410,277	176,843	72,284	93,616
23,428	4,202	53,061	1,245,889	2,456,303	1,129,723	412,588	315,432
59,046	2,356	28,349	468,193	1,361,304	803,360	201,316	237,416
2,235	54	1,854	49,879	209,382	155,360	34,275	9,740
10,946	400	11,270	246,329	388,576	119,631	41,639	24,789
653	57	585	21,879	66,665	43,491	38,144	3,942
48,162	3,486	47,952	1,404,618	3,023,323	1,519,105	1,634,672	1,041,362
19,171	1,468	63,288	1,759,480	3,332,101	1,488,694	284,777	109,777
16,905	1,298	11,091	290,386	810,263	490,583	202,638	97,426
50,958	5,334	59,877	1,868,869	4,338,537	2,353,499	795,754	446,439
8,295	1,100	15,600	830,160	1,722,680	867,525	240,919	102,362
5,011	674	19,569	515,958	1,024,155	482,943	145,402	128,393
37,652	3,560	24,708	522,751	1,591,702	1,003,031	409,433	215,684
897,346	91,539	1,094,654	37,469,971	62,139,095	22,585,585	8,253,363	8,980,091
98,677	10,365	103,503	3,718,657	5,848,115	1,916,883	1,562,842	1,456,558
429,399	41,151	451,000	17,016,095	26,818,728	8,881,083	2,358,166	2,871,857
199,755	20,848	387,885	9,946,570	18,775,268	8,220,210	2,506,414	2,666,497
10,530	1,278	13,177	255,163	519,416	239,268	95,426	207,329
27,652	2,162	37,159	396,301	638,357	175,083	183,687	640,912
9,647	1,945	6,875	501,548	739,144	219,129	74,040	72,711
35,329	4,841	23,285	1,771,569	3,008,353	1,173,329	452,924	486,812
2,451	311	4,453	769,171	1,105,642	329,256	147,667	16,522
1,881	414	5,424	396,435	585,783	181,629	55,248	28,602
82,025	8,224	61,893	2,698,432	4,100,289	1,249,715	816,949	532,291
259,993	53,377	229,298	8,185,274	13,428,697	4,700,755	1,607,230	895,548
4,002	865	5,201	351,807	693,684	331,809	200,262	44,505
156,821	31,675	90,224	3,741,467	5,160,532	1,140,345	389,948	300,285
88,249	20,006	121,643	2,720,159	5,023,446	2,073,389	582,479	426,461
653	131	487	94,103	172,686	77,312	31,095	3,201
3,674	229	2,045	180,385	371,946	185,613	60,773	44,885
6,594	471	9,698	1,097,353	2,006,403	892,287	342,673	76,211
417,808	27,871	488,704	25,643,406	52,057,960	25,480,171	7,501,480	3,201,956
67,554	2,675	63,835	6,432,733	12,208,493	5,641,696	1,603,767	473,549
6,292	382	5,586	323,787	647,187	311,140	122,101	38,191
54,177	1,740	57,185	5,256,062	11,281,350	5,912,186	1,901,061	390,823
17,434	884	14,103	529,154	1,197,327	635,752	242,811	45,727
22,559	1,679	38,684	3,637,572	6,285,680	2,585,186	708,923	261,865
4,806	631	12,948	720,493	1,447,490	708,612	238,707	128,877
2,180	82	3,262	587,631	913,568	320,413	97,598	17,233
16,828	1,035	10,902	229,250	711,043	453,023	86,611	54,129
1,832	92	4,063	206,645	441,011	228,379	65,664	23,015
58,899	5,507	202,473	6,540,775	12,887,888	6,080,234	1,068,787	962,138
4,768	850	3,064	173,800	501,819	319,357	473,356	54,738
3,540	395	14,221	432,037	767,764	317,571	75,007	38,474
221	4	376	65,488	103,223	37,134	20,850	1,308
155,499	11,919	56,814	318,002	2,303,707	1,761,473	740,237	700,315
1,219	16	1,188	189,977	360,410	168,010	56,000	11,574
2,411,569	168,613	1,450,534	81,809,557	118,201,095	32,360,822	15,183,985	12,727,298
108,927	8,003	73,941	8,188,704	9,545,894	1,166,319	788,881	683,952
97,574	9,322	48,703	2,112,195	3,311,100	1,043,306	563,347	681,496
8,177	743	11,149	715,633	900,877	165,175	87,259	54,004
9,792	1,275	7,924	1,157,203	1,422,770	246,576	135,995	54,336
234,603	11,885	107,186	4,642,019	8,583,092	3,587,399	2,607,980	1,015,647

VICTORIAN FACTORIES—POWER, WORKERS, MANUFACTURING

Nature of Industry.	Factories.	Rated Horse-power of Engines.	Average Number Employed.		Salaries and Wages Paid.
			Males.	Females.	
	No.	H.P.	No.	No.	£
Class 9—continued.					
Biscuits	22	2,242	705	746	555,946
Confectionery	103	9,891	1,607	1,861	1,344,346
Jam, fruit, and vegetable canning	39	9,843	2,394	1,741	1,715,967
Pickles, sauces, and vinegar	20	2,079	469	310	343,391
Bacon curing	17	2,384	593	72	306,253
Butter and cheese factories, &c. .. .	144	26,034	4,221	699	2,463,922
Margarine and butterine	14	558	118	15	68,136
Meat and fish preserving, meat extracts	18	2,855	1,011	571	785,145
Condiments, coffee, spices, &c. .. .	74	4,307	795	609	583,345
Ice and refrigerating	133	30,424	2,596	157	1,522,757
Aerated waters, cordials, &c. .. .	103	2,199	897	154	420,605
Breweries	7	7,207	1,846	39	1,088,757
Distilleries	8	1,374	219	30	131,929
Winemaking	26	452	131	7	43,739
Cider and Perry	3	74	24	8	11,737
Malting	17	1,830	490	10	281,076
Bottling	21	424	392	81	223,215
Tobacco, cigars, cigarettes	15	2,217	939	1,102	810,182
Dried fruits and vegetables	31	2,211	707	243	376,210
Ice cream	20	1,801	252	154	185,215
Sausage skins	13	260	400	41	234,516
Other	19	5,500	832	225	467,305
Class 10.—Woodworking and basket-ware	1,213	83,474	12,795	569	5,531,320
Sawmills	570	57,633	6,094	111	2,522,999
Plywood mills (including veneers) .. .	4	220	38	4	20,643
Joinery	347	12,991	3,542	122	1,565,502
Cooperage	11	710	228	1	116,316
Boxes and cases	109	11,093	1,470	61	638,917
Woodturning, woodcarving, &c. .. .	111	4,787	964	155	444,637
Basket, wicker, bamboo, &c. .. .	15	74	87	4	34,942
Perambulators	28	254	219	58	97,930
Other	18	712	153	53	89,434
Class 11.—Furniture, Bedding, &c. .. .	581	13,854	5,103	804	2,182,019
Cabinet and furniture making	454	12,491	4,365	223	1,712,404
Bedding and mattresses	39	905	357	225	238,588
Furnishing drapery	44	138	170	283	143,066
Picture frames	12	42	50	22	21,877
Blinds, window, verandah, &c. .. .	32	278	161	51	66,084
Class 12.—Paper, Stationery, Printing, Bookbinding, &c. .. .	711	72,903	13,074	4,365	7,860,467
Newspapers, &c.	117	7,389	2,860	265	1,603,167
Printing—Government, &c.	3	1,057	756	320	501,302
General printing, &c.	424	8,410	4,706	1,735	2,721,423
Stationery and paper products	34	1,907	572	561	426,651
Stereotyping and electrotyping	10	281	106	14	54,375
Process and photo engraving	19	196	375	26	213,695
Cardboard boxes, cartons, &c.	43	2,324	888	836	673,832
Paper bags	17	431	161	236	145,286
Other paper and printing	44	50,908	2,650	372	1,520,736
Class 13.—Rubber	120	37,455	3,868	890	2,477,625
Rubber goods (including tyres made)	36	36,308	3,473	854	2,297,523
Tyre retreading and repairing	84	1,147	395	36	180,102
Class 14.—Musical Instruments	18	301	177	8	80,203
Pianos, player and organs	13	190	116	2	50,918
Other	5	111	61	6	29,285

COSTS AND VALUE OF PRODUCTION, 1949-50—continued.

Fuel and Light Used.	Lubricat- ing Oil and Water.	Repairs to Plant, &c.	Materials Used, Including Containers.	Articles Produced or Work Done.	Value Added.	Land and Buildings.	Plant and Machinery.
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
55,980	2,638	29,280	998,064	2,115,970	1,030,008	294,127	261,541
110,227	6,347	102,480	3,871,787	6,972,528	2,881,687	701,735	996,192
123,151	21,598	155,212	6,017,936	9,315,794	2,997,897	1,139,444	1,199,824
36,569	6,816	31,853	1,544,451	2,328,764	709,075	277,043	227,246
33,142	3,844	18,118	2,836,474	3,315,312	423,734	222,683	110,722
655,242	29,724	287,392	25,920,568	30,954,124	4,081,198	1,888,358	2,311,347
9,280	1,471	6,463	401,161	548,735	130,360	41,905	22,844
70,173	12,544	59,965	3,438,044	5,347,707	1,766,981	441,242	258,929
61,677	11,855	41,654	2,628,214	4,075,628	1,332,228	640,789	340,950
214,642	12,928	129,204	1,218,529	3,980,080	2,404,777	1,693,599	953,114
24,975	3,066	36,595	1,015,852	1,920,812	849,324	366,807	289,115
165,879	3,803	142,334	2,483,371	4,826,651	2,031,264	756,370	1,283,068
61,014	487	23,305	458,337	855,857	312,714	130,941	225,553
3,448	294	2,481	102,216	212,200	103,761	82,135	58,619
724	29	611	15,337	40,592	23,891	26,922	12,666
72,876	8,253	24,710	1,334,639	2,068,269	627,791	505,485	110,994
6,560	1,283	5,644	413,916	781,658	354,255	227,157	31,040
20,903	2,275	41,316	4,987,893	6,927,956	1,875,569	512,064	500,369
15,966	1,656	14,884	363,191	924,476	528,779	173,500	158,846
20,157	1,899	22,591	624,360	1,156,841	487,834	210,207	247,016
8,618	1,767	8,395	406,525	793,969	368,664	58,299	26,629
181,293	2,808	37,144	3,912,938	4,964,439	830,256	609,761	611,239
240,684	45,271	448,648	10,994,649	21,166,958	9,437,706	2,604,639	2,569,421
100,419	35,401	321,163	5,716,546	10,880,053	4,646,524	1,023,341	1,684,710
722	69	793	59,839	99,090	37,667	14,472	6,343
29,393	3,711	48,023	2,606,638	5,031,915	2,344,150	789,621	359,639
2,682	695	4,565	85,449	248,557	155,166	27,255	30,736
27,043	3,558	45,003	1,392,024	2,430,132	962,504	345,743	246,570
12,676	1,225	20,559	588,963	1,402,373	778,950	254,619	166,473
550	21	971	52,257	121,602	67,803	20,353	3,180
1,240	150	2,093	257,704	455,533	194,346	74,586	19,060
5,959	441	5,478	235,329	497,703	250,496	54,649	52,710
40,360	3,922	73,537	4,480,951	8,480,366	3,881,596	1,631,346	456,196
33,275	3,211	52,434	2,919,968	5,912,311	2,903,423	1,239,015	363,676
3,850	260	13,428	1,067,831	1,645,098	559,729	174,666	58,496
1,737	343	3,787	258,964	500,076	235,245	115,317	10,785
404	25	310	28,606	70,886	41,541	25,955	2,174
1,094	83	3,578	205,582	351,995	141,658	76,393	21,065
547,604	37,036	508,308	14,624,161	29,666,014	13,948,905	5,251,205	6,386,713
41,065	7,609	64,924	3,369,547	5,926,473	2,443,328	901,989	1,599,025
6,853	1,153	9,666	388,425	1,061,533	655,436	198,651	142,611
54,723	8,927	131,789	3,673,673	8,505,976	4,636,864	1,871,770	1,905,048
12,527	867	16,373	1,023,295	1,902,362	849,300	306,099	317,699
2,487	97	1,720	34,956	141,772	103,412	37,172	30,125
3,390	352	4,831	74,970	427,315	343,772	124,825	46,010
11,811	2,061	32,829	1,863,562	3,442,378	1,532,115	403,379	666,204
2,647	601	9,891	683,027	931,832	235,666	99,849	100,027
412,101	15,369	236,285	3,513,606	7,326,373	3,149,012	1,307,471	1,579,964
401,573	23,064	316,295	6,397,073	11,623,706	4,485,701	1,434,625	1,359,850
380,411	21,891	300,610	6,099,117	10,901,885	4,099,856	1,173,510	1,233,706
21,162	1,173	15,685	297,956	721,821	385,845	261,115	126,144
1,604	298	1,986	42,611	161,635	115,136	58,459	19,072
765	236	238	20,125	92,738	71,374	47,854	4,781
839	62	1,748	22,486	68,897	43,762	10,605	14,291

VICTORIAN FACTORIES—POWER, WORKERS, MANUFACTURING

Nature of Industry.	Factories.	Rated Horse-power of Engines.	Average Number Employed.		Salaries and Wages Paid.
			Males.	Females.	
	No.	H.P.	No.	No.	£
Class 15.—Miscellaneous Products..	383	16,136	5,057	2,853	3,221,052
Plastic moulding and products ..	95	7,669	1,920	1,017	1,237,847
Brooms and brushes ..	28	1,436	428	206	254,037
Optical instruments and appliances ..	37	248	301	24	143,660
Surgical instruments and appliances ..	51	763	470	100	243,436
Photographic material (including developing, &c.) ..	33	1,663	695	658	578,144
Toys, games and sports requisites ..	73	1,466	582	376	336,512
Artificial flowers ..	7	35	31	168	51,596
Other ..	59	2,856	630	304	375,820
Class 16.—Heat, Light and Power	103	870,675	3,603	21	2,159,606
Electric light and power—					
(i) Government ..	10	781,190	1,737	12	1,177,585
(ii) Local authority ..	32	75,693	482	..	251,571
(iii) Companies ..	25	3,645	62	1	23,729
Gas works—					
(i) Local authority ..	8	68	86	..	42,597
(ii) Companies ..	28	10,079	1,236	8	664,124
Total all Classes	13,231	1,758,222	216,198	87,278	130,254,694

INDIVIDUAL INDUSTRIES.

The salient features of the chief industries are set forth in the succeeding pages.

Tanning was one of the earliest industries established in Victoria; in the year 1850 there were thirteen tanneries in the State. Particulars relating to the industry for the year 1940-41 and the past five years are given in the following table :—

VICTORIA—TANNERIES.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—					
	1941.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
Number of establishments ..	42	44	43	44	44	46
Number of persons engaged ..	2,083	2,257	2,478	2,385	2,427	2,497
Horse-power of engines used ..	8,308	9,227	9,410	10,394	10,905	11,140
Value of plant and machinery £	238,832	298,086	343,572	354,257	394,081	426,461
Value of land and buildings £	420,447	497,837	533,771	535,292	561,607	582,479
Salaries and wages paid £	516,416	778,865	957,733	1,000,551	1,141,977	1,277,156
Fuel, light, and power £	41,132	46,577	58,019	63,033	70,189	88,249
Value of materials used £	1,720,466	2,055,072	2,522,950	2,490,024	2,474,287	2,720,159
Value of output ..	£ 2,663,387	3,430,200	4,234,473	4,214,377	4,455,600	5,023,446
Value added to materials £	859,607	1,227,409	1,542,742	1,543,871	1,785,623	2,073,389
Materials treated—						
Cow and ox hides No.	890,464	916,071	1,051,829	1,028,093	1,027,463	1,123,214
Calf hides ..	510,647	699,480	551,125	563,085	587,495	549,284
Other skins and pelts ..	952,445	1,199,211	1,904,892	1,604,892	984,873	855,300
Bark used .. tons	10,538	5,739	6,358	5,901	5,937	6,330
Tanning extract (vegetable) used .. '000 lb.	3,318	8,536	8,137	7,132	7,175	6,480
Sole leather produced lb.	13,853,824	13,039,543	14,179,838	13,015,662	14,274,667	14,837,098

COSTS AND VALUE OF PRODUCTION, 1949-50—continued.

Fuel and Light Used.	Lubricating Oil and Water.	Repairs to Plant, &c.	Materials Used, Including Containers.	Articles Produced or Work Done.	Value Added.	Land and Buildings.	Plant and Machinery.
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
153,841	15,038	170,918	5,439,255	10,748,272	4,969,220	1,761,264	1,485,663
73,540	7,824	98,688	1,801,710	3,828,216	1,846,454	618,479	331,964
5,995	1,349	11,968	557,837	1,032,556	455,407	139,973	101,751
2,800	221	5,025	223,395	469,762	238,321	117,138	55,886
4,569	658	6,478	291,702	689,846	386,439	169,507	91,318
26,952	2,077	2,090	868,716	1,556,003	656,168	274,196	176,172
8,791	642	10,563	440,221	1,053,198	592,981	173,568	97,359
741	88	2,700	41,394	126,960	82,037	29,719	6,410
30,453	2,179	33,406	1,214,280	1,991,731	711,413	238,684	124,803
3,336,122	68,400	557,576	2,398,492	9,911,646	3,551,056	3,316,861	20,007,536
2,948,860	10,835	303,886	2,324	5,355,106	2,089,201	2,471,902	13,703,718
340,438	18,236	31,447	3,242	781,773	388,410	278,420	1,015,934
25,161	4,032	3,963	239	77,971	44,576	22,331	77,455
2,304	625	3,573	73,093	119,753	40,158	17,421	97,426
19,359	34,672	214,707	2,319,594	3,577,043	988,711	526,787	5,113,003
12,822,004	872,232	9,330,418	284,197,019	526,466,280	219,244,607	84,123,894	92,748,475

The value of leather and leather manufactures and substitutes therefor imported into Victoria from overseas countries during the year ended 30th June, 1950, was £239,943, whilst the value exported overseas for the same period amounted to £1,049,637.

The manufacture of soap was also one of the earliest of Victorian industries. In the year 1850 the recorded production of the four establishments then operating was 5,840 cwt. of soap. The following table indicates the development which has since taken place:—

VICTORIA—SOAP FACTORIES.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—					
	1941.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
Number of establishments ..	14	16	18	17	17	19
Number of persons engaged ..	761	738	725	700	783	773
Horse-power of engines used ..	2,031	2,117	2,227	2,316	2,313	2,631
Value of plant and machinery £	177,574	151,597	153,142	161,384	233,773	540,615
Value of land and buildings £	199,789	185,865	187,049	186,454	181,224	332,393
Salaries and wages paid ..	160,865	213,617	221,445	252,016	332,264	382,592
Fuel, light, and power ..	44,448	54,884	70,902	84,561	135,752	149,895
Value of materials used ..	570,208	858,989	883,845	1,224,953	1,497,649	1,538,408
Value of output ..	1,416,700	1,613,919	1,723,064	2,069,443	2,666,115	2,927,453
Value added to materials ..	762,301	649,520	717,359	700,793	961,349	1,162,961
Materials used—						
Tallow cwt.	222,908	285,674	284,053	302,297	334,826	355,123
Alkali "	107,299	59,292	65,525	63,412	68,358	65,390
Coconut oil "	52,256	30,540	21,492	22,979	31,928	25,013
Soda ash "	*	49,141	52,408	49,904	64,098	58,093
Output—						
Soap, Household cwt.	170,608	141,287	158,486	143,480	144,100	133,595
" Sand "	32,977	19,266	18,534	23,452	8,073	8,976
" Toilet "	24,719	30,466	31,755	27,636	45,042	42,938
" Extracts and powders ..	146,872	179,110	208,670	217,074	248,359	266,977
" All other "	35,729	48,964	60,565	53,172	50,790	55,597
Soda crystals "	15,781	10,237	10,012	3,990	*	*

* Not available.

Items of manufacture not specified above include soft, industrial, and flake soaps, candles, glycerine, &c.

Imports from oversea countries into Victorian ports in the year ended 30th June, 1950, included 44,397 lb. of soap, and 240,843 lb. of soap substitutes valued at £6,228 and £15,725 respectively.

These industries are grouped because some establishments **Bricks, pottery, pipes, and tiles.** which produce bricks also manufacture tiles, and others which produce tiles also manufacture pipes and pottery. Factories manufacturing cement bricks, pipes, and tiles are not included herein, but are grouped with those making cement and cement products.

VICTORIA—BRICKS, POTTERY, PIPES, AND TILES.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—					
	1941.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
Number of establishments ..	87	79	85	87	96	102
Number of persons engaged ..	3,526	2,468	3,149	3,126	3,244	3,295
Horse-power of engines used ..	15,433	13,987	14,992	15,796	16,737	17,458
Value of plant and machinery £	598,125	527,321	549,206	578,316	644,876	781,038
Value of land and buildings £	562,128	530,133	550,705	570,734	584,903	780,156
Salaries and wages paid £	779,786	672,346	988,778	1,120,790	1,346,792	1,538,705
Fuel, light, and power £	273,698	174,908	244,734	277,673	367,830	454,937
Value of materials used £	206,717	146,593	205,326	250,236	331,748	357,497
Value of output .. £	1,740,734	1,322,688	1,996,714	2,247,536	2,722,979	3,152,034
Value added to materials £	1,177,482	927,143	1,446,812	1,584,263	1,876,306	2,181,963
Production—						
Bricks, common (1,000)	206,700	83,018	134,538	141,683	153,052	146,877
Roofing tiles .. (1,000)	14,256	5,422	10,182	11,037	11,811	12,276
Pipes, agricultural, &c. £	242,206	142,571	228,769	261,781	322,887	363,453
Other earthenware china, &c. £	368,868	335,873	531,699	560,455	651,585	803,948

Sawmills. Detailed information in regard to the sawmills of the State for the five years 1945-46 to 1949-50 is given in the table which follows:—

VICTORIA—SAWMILLS.

Year Ended 30th June.	Number of Mills.	Value of Land and Buildings, Machinery and Plant in Use.	Persons Employed.	Salaries and Wages Paid.	Rough-Sawn Timber Produced.	
					Quantity.	Value.
		£		£	super ft.	£
1946 ..	332	1,289,636	4,493	1,224,797	186,376,570	2,819,697
1947 ..	383	1,526,565	5,068	1,492,266	226,471,660	3,276,764
1948 ..	459	1,762,969	5,440	1,692,347	237,008,701	3,716,648
1949 ..	486	2,182,131	5,969	2,169,200	267,724,071	4,946,026
1950 ..	570	2,708,051	6,205	2,522,999	291,107,725	6,518,545

Prior to 1945-46 figures given in this table related only to Forest sawmills. In consequence of a revision in the statistical sub-classification of industry the table now relates to all sawmills (Forest and Town). Particulars of the production of sawn timber in other factories e.g., Box and Case Mills &c. are not included.

It should be noted that the number of persons employed is comprised of those working in the sawmills only—workers engaged in the felling and in the hauling of timber from forest to mill are excluded from the above figures.

Further particulars of sawmills and the 643 other factories which comprise the wood working group will be found on pages 472 and 473.

The quantity of timber recorded as sawn in firewood sawmills in the year 1949-50 was 288,881 tons, valued at the sawmills at £507,905. There is also a large amount of firewood taken from the forests and from private land which does not pass through these sawmills and its value cannot be reliably estimated. Statistics collected from factories, mines, and quarries show that, during 1949-50, 574,443 tons of firewood, which cost £752,371, were consumed.

Agricultural and Dairying Machinery Works. The value of production of the Agricultural Implement Industry is extremely liable to fluctuation due to seasonal influences and the effects of varying prices of primary products. In the years affected by the requirements of a war economy, production in this industry and in metal industries generally was restricted accordingly.

VICTORIA—AGRICULTURAL AND DAIRYING MACHINERY WORKS.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—					
	1941.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
Number of establishments - . .	77	57	60	64	67	72
Number of persons employed	4,185	4,905	4,189	4,557	4,903	5,578
Horse-power of engines used . .	10,971	12,861	13,268	14,193	15,652	16,117
Value of land and buildings £	620,633	609,043	624,340	836,504	1,087,626	1,255,510
Value of plant and machinery £	599,735	719,690	665,761	1,034,171	1,296,091	1,501,751
Salaries and wages paid £	1,102,056	1,584,777	1,466,847	1,869,139	2,298,367	2,798,859
Value of materials used £	954,674	1,461,788	1,334,378	1,710,467	2,250,261	4,087,125
Fuel, light, and power used £	82,899	112,480	90,518	109,576	128,503	166,504
Value of output . .	£ 2,533,440	3,747,487	3,440,499	4,406,863	5,581,769	8,348,522

In the following table particulars of bacon and ham curing establishments are given for the year 1941 and the past five years.

VICTORIA—BACON FACTORIES.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—					
	1941.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
Number of establishments ..	17	20	20	20	19	17
Number of persons employed ..	563	715	725	729	729	665
Horse-power of engines used ..	3,809	4,056	4,251	4,533	3,412	2,384
Value of land, buildings, plant, &c. ..	£ 324,326	346,579	344,293	363,520	393,229	333,405
Salaries and wages paid ..	£ 144,603	218,321	228,359	250,373	299,985	306,253
Value of materials used ..	£ 959,293	1,808,882	2,073,770	2,150,259	2,457,579	2,836,474
Value of fuel and light ..	£ 18,413	27,092	29,818	31,292	31,916	33,142
Value of output ..	£ 1,249,374	2,256,837	2,467,962	2,720,995	2,997,949	3,315,312
Pigs slaughtered for curing No. ..	198,663	206,054	223,386	239,976	205,867	177,842
Bacon and ham cured .. lb.	19,509,832	20,961,254	24,592,389	24,832,276	22,692,847	21,736,114

Butter
Cheese and
Milk Products. The number of butter, cheese, and kindred factories in 1949-50 was 144. Of these 104 were making butter, 27 cheese, 1 concentrated milk, 4 condensed milk, 21 powdered milk (full cream and skim), 7 dried butter milk, 11 casein, and 1 milk sugar. The following table gives some indication of the value of this industry to the State :—

VICTORIA—BUTTER AND CHEESE FACTORIES, ETC.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—					
	1941.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
Number of establishments ..	168	148	147	148	145	144
Number of persons employed ..	3,427	3,874	4,285	4,446	4,605	4,920
Horse-power of engines ..	15,303	20,857	21,356	28,147	23,182	26,034
Value of plant and machinery ..	£ 1,364,067	1,344,427	1,395,350	1,530,640	1,805,671	2,311,347
Value of land and buildings ..	£ 1,304,250	1,525,425	1,628,180	1,730,366	1,777,413	1,888,358
Salaries and wages paid ..	£ 888,385	1,235,307	1,471,367	1,755,797	2,093,254	2,463,922
Fuel, light, and power ..	£ 211,503	335,250	363,432	391,229	502,644	655,242
Value of materials used ..	£ 12,022,748	13,497,788	16,356,296	17,022,132	22,071,888	25,920,568
Value of output ..	£ 14,510,552	16,458,087	19,638,430	21,346,980	25,655,002	30,954,124
Added value ..	£ 2,159,756	2,454,430	2,719,278	3,719,031	2,832,785	4,081,198
Articles produced—						
Butter .. lb.	153,246,312	112,180,169	133,027,174	127,044,971	134,486,863	141,922,150
Cheese .. lb.	18,291,067	33,405,690	39,457,096	36,212,975	41,108,571	47,472,051
Condensed milk .. lb.	42,118,173	80,345,852	74,873,513	78,090,025	82,105,468	84,908,302
Powdered products (all kinds) .. lb.	28,727,103	36,244,293	43,168,944	46,299,438	52,537,882	61,356,496
Casein .. lb.	4,492,777	2,809,033	5,134,974	5,365,047	6,358,597	7,077,444

Further particulars relating to butter and cheese factories will be found on pages 472 and 473.

Bakeries
(including
bread, pastry
and cakes). The statistical definition of a factory (see page 465) excludes from enumeration many small bakeries. Particulars relating to 1949-50 include 897 bakehouses which come within that definition.

The value quoted is the wholesale selling value of the goods at the factory exclusive of all selling and delivery costs.

VICTORIA—BAKERIES.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—					
	1941.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
Number of factories ..	602	746	805	824	837	897
Number of persons employed	3,477	4,112	4,410	4,473	4,649	4,846
Horse-power of engines used	2,650	3,568	3,792	3,905	4,341	4,751
Value of land and buildings £	1,259,527	1,667,986	1,998,185	2,035,796	2,273,933	2,607,930
Value of plant and machinery £	448,604	477,092	543,278	654,026	772,139	1,015,647
Salaries and wages paid £	773,547	930,304	1,082,345	1,179,604	1,379,182	1,616,564
Value of materials used £	2,339,054	2,981,031	3,210,602	3,627,264	4,183,996	4,642,019
Fuel, light, and power used £	94,865	139,311	152,816	168,984	195,103	234,603
Repairs, oil and water used £	41,435	93,500	82,603	83,420	104,063	119,071
Total output ..	£ 3,995,872	5,247,154	5,789,351	6,324,892	7,359,116	8,583,092
Value added ..	£ 1,520,518	2,033,312	2,343,330	2,445,224	2,875,954	3,587,399
Value added per worker £	437	494	531	547	618	740
Flour used—tons (2,000 lb) ..	100,668	111,560	129,248	128,865	130,622	134,616
Bread made—4-lb. loaves ..	61,048,763	70,080,082	79,238,257	81,589,116	80,786,050	84,494,829
Cakes, pastry, pies ..	£ 1,798,455	2,635,193	3,130,947	3,121,115	3,835,624	4,151,350

**Meat and fish
preserving
works.**

Details appertaining to the meat and fish preserving industry for 1940-41 and the past five years are given hereunder :—

VICTORIA—MEAT AND FISH PRESERVING WORKS.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—					
	1941.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
Number of establishments ..	10	12	14	16	16	18
Number of persons engaged ..	648	1,089	954	1,077	1,178	1,582
Horse-power of engines used	636	2,128	2,201	2,505	2,440	2,855
Value of plant and machinery £	36,495	139,945	144,386	178,011	196,759	258,929
Value of land and buildings £	148,007	190,646	209,259	351,786	363,702	441,242
Salaries and wages paid £	108,628	310,686	312,079	387,587	487,317	785,145
Fuel, light, and power £	7,148	27,654	28,852	31,105	50,565	70,173
Value of materials used £	598,784	2,154,730	1,922,096	2,321,207	2,665,318	3,438,044
Value of output ..	£ 864,633	2,963,365	2,716,064	3,162,127	3,789,892	5,347,707
Value added to materials £	247,459	747,857	731,443	767,061	1,027,497	1,766,981
Canned meat produced cwt.	131,924	318,386	322,300	355,145	377,657	397,087
Meat extracts .. cwt.	1,882	5,669	3,471	*	*	4,651
Fish (all kinds) .. cwt.	10,020	11,593	25,607	23,788	17,878	16,564

* Not available for publication.

Ice and Refrigeration. One hundred and thirty-three establishments were included under the industrial Sub-class "Ice and Refrigeration" during 1949-50. There were 2,753 persons employed and the total horse-power of machinery used was 30,424. The value of Land, &c. and Plant, &c. was £2,646,713 and the value of Output £3,980,080. Particulars of Meat Freezing Works are incorporated in the foregoing figures. No collection of statistics is now made regarding quantities of carcasses treated in the freezing works.

Imports and exports of meats. The following statement shows the imports from and exports to oversea countries of frozen, chilled, and preserved meats during the year ended 30th June, 1950 :—

VICTORIA—MEAT IMPORTED AND EXPORTED OVERSEA, 1949-50.

Meats.	Imports.		Exports.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
		£		£
Preserved by cold process—				
Beef .. .. .	..	..	lb. 1,493,865	59,173
Lamb .. .. .	..	..	„ 82,685,038	3,787,556
Mutton .. .. .	..	..	„ 47,773,953	1,121,897
Pork	(a)	32	„ 2,066,625	168,471
Poultry .. .. .	..	..	(a)	753,052
Rabbits and hares .. .. .	..	..	prs. 12,517,165	2,259,068
Veal .. .. .	..	..	lb. 723,131	31,276
Other .. .. .	..	..	„ (a)	395,593
Bacon and hams .. .. .	..	..	lb. 699,491	84,736
Potted and concentrated	lb. 32,369	4,432	lb. 156,428	52,551
Preserved in tins, &c.	„ 107,955	8,909	„ 46,249,014	3,336,400
Sausage casings	cwt. 2,456	61,091	cwt. 17,558	880,314
Other .. .. .	..	..	(a)	61,883
Total value	(a)	74,464	(a)	12,991,970

(a) Value only.

Flour Mills. Victorian flour mills produce ample flour, &c., to supply all local requirements and a considerable surplus for export. The following table gives particulars of the industry for the year 1940-41 and for the past five years.

VICTORIA—FLOUR MILLS.

Item.	Year Ended 30th June—					
	1941.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
Number of establishments ..	37	40	40	39	39	38
Number of persons engaged ..	1,169	1,021	1,210	1,260	1,263	1,272
Horse-power of engines used ..	8,944	9,561	9,799	10,259	10,299	10,626
Value of plant and machinery £	509,532	497,473	504,767	547,261	615,283	683,952
Value of land and buildings £	643,514	688,849	724,818	715,429	725,283	788,881
Salaries and wages paid £	321,845	343,275	426,400	517,704	597,352	654,780
Fuel, light, and power £	70,032	63,155	83,589	92,024	100,762	108,927
Value of materials used £	4,661,214	3,511,565	4,882,267	6,877,656	8,324,664	8,188,704
Value of output ..	5,409,163	4,222,476	5,888,438	8,015,452	9,742,579	9,545,894
Value added to materials £	636,864	599,944	864,975	972,435	1,245,529	1,166,319
Wheat ground into flour, bushels	21,879,279	16,149,846	21,829,022	23,426,290	22,347,473	21,268,699
Flour produced .. tons	452,812	315,525	449,170	487,806	466,828	434,578
(2,000 lb.)						
Bran produced ..	91,062	66,177	89,517	105,727	98,876	89,591
Pollard produced ..	100,106	64,659	95,994	101,364	98,522	91,893
Wheatmeal produced .. cwt.	203,394	339,500	382,357	*242,268	*322,232	*402,286

* Prior to 1947-48 "Wheatmeal" included "Stock Food".

During the year ended 30th June, 1950, 291,269 tons of flour, valued at £9,535,345 were exported from Victorian ports to countries beyond Australia.

**Jam, pickle,
and sauce
works.**

Particulars relating to jam, pickle, and sauce factories and fruit and vegetable canning factories are given in the table hereunder, which shows the main items of output, &c., for the year 1940-41 and for the past five years:—

VICTORIA—JAMS, PICKLES, SAUCES, PRESERVES, ETC.

Item.	Year Ended 30th June—					
	1941.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
Number of establishments ..	48	52	54	52	58	59
Number of persons engaged ..	3,505	4,864	4,598	4,368	4,609	4,914
Horse-power of engines used ..	4,794	8,891	9,606	10,364	11,317	11,922
Value of plant and machinery £	379,571	683,355	864,382	1,007,063	1,165,568	1,427,070
Value of land and buildings £	734,355	1,046,513	1,034,574	1,092,770	1,229,491	1,416,487
Salaries and wages paid £	727,035	1,267,550	1,306,348	1,465,618	1,740,874	2,059,358
Fuel, light, and power used £	50,307	90,608	94,282	98,189	123,150	159,720
Value of materials used £	3,234,439	5,749,253	5,859,505	6,234,102	6,726,382	7,562,387
Value of output ..	5,129,684	8,172,809	9,037,111	9,614,490	10,111,172	11,644,558
Fresh fruit used .. cwt.	1,139,031	973,830	1,073,266	1,314,468	1,031,793	1,078,361
Sugar used ..	479,580	536,890	533,496	595,463	501,888	484,459
Output of—						
Jams and jellies .. cwt	524,923	584,972	600,061	687,709	502,230	468,135
Fruit preserved in liquid ..	835,649	561,887	785,329	923,818	790,189	878,786
Fruit pulp ..	154,811	140,403	70,910	128,106	99,613	85,847
Sauce .. pints	10,672,798	16,252,192	10,366,986	13,192,172	14,255,002	13,673,847
Pickles and chutney ..	2,752,466	4,984,520	2,447,263	3,131,962	2,882,772	2,903,738

**Beet Sugar
Industry.**

The Victorian Government operated a beet sugar factory at Maffra until it was sold on 12th May, 1949. A brief history of the beet-sugar industry since its establishment in Victoria was given in the *Year-Book*, 1937-38.

The following table contains particulars relating to the production, &c., of beet sugar for the ten years ended 30th June, 1948:—

VICTORIA—BEET SUGAR PRODUCTION.

Year Ended 30th June.	Area.	Beet Yield.	Sugar Content.	Sugar Produced.
	Acres.	Tons.	%	Tons.
1939	4,268	13,454	14·83	1,507
1940	4,234	42,898	18·65	6,250
1941	3,588	27,031	16·29	3,279
1942	2,866	24,546	15·82	2,769
1943	955	5,997	17·13	678
1944	836	6,975	16·11	704
1945	485	3,200	(For Fodder only)	
1946	108	975		
1947	753	9,170	15·95	1,014
1948	553	6,362	16·01	584

Prices paid to growers for beet usually vary annually in accordance with the sugar content and the Australian price of sugar. The prices per ton during each of the last five years, in which sugar was produced, were as follows:—1941-42, 43s.; 1942-43, 48s.; 1943-44, 50s.; 1946-47, 59s.; and 1947-48, 60s.

The decline in the area under beet in 1943-4-5-6 can be attributed to the impact of a war economy which caused a general reorganization of industry. After a lapse of two years sugar was again produced in 1946-47, but the production of beet sugar in Victoria was discontinued at the end of the 1947-48 season.

Breweries and Distilleries. Particulars regarding breweries and distilleries for the year 1940-41 and for the past five years are set forth in the succeeding tables:—

VICTORIA—BREWERIES.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—					
	1941.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
Number of breweries ..	8	8	8	7	7	7
Number of persons engaged ..	1,740	1,526	1,664	1,651	1,744	1,885
Horse-power of engines ..	6,570	6,612	6,592	6,546	7,020	7,207
Value of plant and machinery £	917,345	815,857	821,634	881,287	1,056,521	1,283,068
Value of land and buildings £	746,584	748,895	745,043	708,287	733,955	756,370
Salaries and wages paid £	594,733	621,716	702,171	759,332	923,935	1,088,757
Fuel, light, and power used £	71,758	75,943	96,943	108,377	132,296	165,879
Value of materials used £	1,723,699	1,399,001	1,389,077	1,571,910	1,924,929	2,483,371
Value of output ..	£ 3,791,335	3,013,132	3,056,715	3,156,136	3,329,303	4,826,651
Value added to materials £	1,828,644	1,447,937	1,456,326	1,391,155	1,203,780	2,031,264
Materials used—						
Sugar cwt.	145,316	139,102	128,569	134,187	149,394	176,797
Malt bush.	1,225,107	1,016,854	1,133,770	1,230,794	1,387,310	1,550,126
Hops lb.	969,372	879,377	867,277	921,979	999,543	1,060,133
Beer and stout made gals.	39,033,250	35,484,347	36,174,827	39,339,768	44,225,823	49,722,887

VICTORIA—DISTILLERIES.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—					
	1941.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
Number of distilleries ..	9	9	9	9	9	8
Number of persons engaged ..	95	238	275	266	285	249
Horse-power of engines ..	1,003	1,443	1,490	1,395	1,437	1,374
Value of plant and machinery £	140,718	207,729	196,834	200,494	221,030	225,553
Value of land and buildings £	209,961	161,976	157,185	153,910	151,991	130,941
Salaries and wages paid £	25,067	88,337	98,936	118,695	135,192	131,929
Fuel, light, and power £	6,161	30,344	48,241	49,528	65,830	61,014
Value of materials used £	68,208	467,260	453,452	472,736	504,273	458,337
Value of output .. £	174,224	887,862	1,000,846	928,165	939,056	855,857
Materials used—						
Wine gals.	660,124	1,117,090	1,349,891	1,739,388	1,899,243	1,551,272
Malt bush.	62,491	206,134	247,136	244,976	229,440	159,268
Other grain .. bush.	75,969	354,322	348,237	242,214	331,160	275,570
Molasses raw sugar, &c. 1,000 lbs.	25,010	32,358	35,857	33,650	41,561	42,139
Spirits distilled in distilleries proof gals.	1,728,013	3,720,276	3,827,672	3,647,749	4,116,260	3,780,860
Spirits distilled by vinegrowers proof gals.	10,425	12,328	13,485	19,316	21,481	24,160

The fifteen establishments engaged in the manufacture of tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes during 1949-50 which conformed to the statistical definition of a factory gave employment to 2,041 persons, who were paid £810,182 in wages and who used machinery, plant, land, and buildings valued at £1,012,433. The subjoined table shows the quantity of tobacco leaf used by and the output of the full number of licensed establishments for the past ten years:—

VICTORIA—TOBACCO FACTORIES.

Year Ended 30th June.	Leaf Operated on.		Production.		
	Australian.	Imported.	Tobacco.	Cigars.	Cigarettes.
	lb.	lb.	lb.	No.	No.
1941 ..	1,842,953	5,432,331	5,131,890	25,273,046	1,419,168,642
1942 ..	1,927,629	5,922,807	5,538,393	27,107,268	1,515,517,910
1943 ..	1,973,027	5,722,124	5,829,487	19,914,219	1,350,087,444
1944 ..	1,838,650	5,815,429	5,864,285	14,802,342	1,333,952,191
1945 ..	1,799,295	5,769,847	5,841,035	14,320,780	1,293,700,665
1946 ..	1,698,514	6,051,854	5,988,762	13,446,593	1,316,541,823
1947 ..	1,363,490	7,336,030	6,778,174	13,550,760	1,419,855,646
1948 ..	1,085,772	7,554,342	6,559,471	15,814,597	1,465,614,252
1949 ..	1,137,753	7,315,033	6,188,846	15,697,065	1,532,942,025
1950 ..	1,245,439	7,817,521	6,614,822	17,454,125	1,638,398,010

Woollen mills.

Victorian manufacturers supply approximately half of the Australian requirements in woollen piece goods. They have also developed an oversea export trade in wool tops, noils, and waste, the value of which, for the year 1949-50, was £1,547,306.

VICTORIA—WOOLLEN MILLS.

Item.	Year Ended 30th June—					
	1941.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
Number of establishments ..	58	65	68	76	87	95
Number of persons employed ..	11,999	11,094	11,345	11,298	12,192	12,114
Horse-power of engines ..	31,253	30,769	31,642	32,045	34,160	37,660
Value of plant and machinery £	1,647,047	1,410,896	1,501,309	1,703,135	2,091,389	2,871,857
Value of land and buildings £	1,368,430	1,000,950	1,097,417	1,836,130	1,949,391	2,358,166
Salaries and wages paid £	2,301,679	2,855,086	3,193,537	3,606,286	4,526,344	4,954,740
Fuel, light, and power £	247,533	257,994	341,251	350,788	424,981	429,399
Value of materials used £	5,271,044	6,263,676	7,149,370	8,183,847	12,872,112	17,016,095
Value of output ..	10,587,546	11,752,967	13,317,719	15,484,006	20,762,640	26,818,728
Added value ..	4,779,124	4,900,275	5,497,008	6,523,270	7,017,633	8,881,083
Scoured wool used .. lb.	31,805,094	33,956,769	36,130,730	38,531,205	32,172,205	28,537,001
Cotton used .. lb.	719,225	209,216	212,138	117,503	52,007	213,512
Tweed and cloth made sq. yds.	17,778,417	16,079,393	18,630,021	19,472,809	19,889,487	18,376,308
Flannel made .. sq. yds.	2,240,188	1,815,504	1,903,137	1,729,188	1,914,434	1,912,500
Blankets .. pairs	709,193	651,212	442,459	447,478	439,390	535,086
Rugs and shawls .. No.	62,800	23,332	40,161	31,829	69,132	70,290

Hosiery and Knitting.

Early records show that, in the year 1886-87, there were three hosiery factories in Victoria, employing 56 hands. The capital value of land, buildings, and machinery was £2,080. The following table shows the main details relating to this industry for 1941 and the past five years:—

VICTORIA—HOSIERY AND KNITTING.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—					
	1941.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
Number of establishments ..	234	255	267	278	307	327
Number of persons employed—						
Male ..	4,110	3,336	4,156	4,479	4,590	4,711
Female ..	9,260	8,200	8,906	9,262	9,511	9,493
Salaries and wages paid £	2,098,569	2,501,753	3,104,940	3,694,131	4,355,852	4,881,239
Value of land and buildings £	1,293,587	1,546,500	1,622,449	1,747,451	1,977,300	2,506,414
Value of plant and machinery £	1,065,986	892,739	995,814	1,223,888	1,783,052	2,066,497
Value of materials used £	4,283,690	4,408,784	5,309,933	6,639,500	8,471,920	9,946,570
Fuel, light, and power £	94,252	123,117	145,620	150,104	175,687	199,755
Value of output ..	8,059,770	8,615,732	10,815,971	13,496,207	15,886,698	18,775,268
Added value ..	3,529,564	3,870,150	5,090,601	6,393,270	6,863,710	8,220,210
Yarn used—						
Woollen and worsted .. lb.	6,339,731	5,763,239	6,715,598	7,427,925	7,453,769	6,290,983
Cotton .. lb.	5,163,312	3,189,953	4,505,276	4,486,578	3,940,217	4,461,533
Silk .. lb.	498,863	277	73,988	279,984	270,706	150,212
Rayon .. lb.	3,362,786	3,072,083	2,843,606	3,180,327	3,355,681	3,112,389
Stockings made .. doz. pair	*1,713,794	*929,484	*1,158,260	*1,227,141	*1,185,495	*1,324,840
Socks made .. doz. pair	†1,644,417	†1,191,592	†1,306,357	†1,492,210	†1,544,559	†1,426,311
Garments made .. number	21,342,604	16,696,080	19,639,500	20,967,360	19,218,288	22,725,408

* Women's socks and stockings only.

† Includes men's socks and stockings, doz. pair—1945-46, 841,957; 1946-47, 968,562; 1947-48, 1,022,440; 1948-49, 1,047,264; 1949-50, 965,516; Children's socks and stockings doz. pair—1945-46, 349,635; 1946-47, 337,795; 1947-48, 469,770; 1948-49, 497,295; 1949-50, 460,795.

Boots and
Shoes.

Particulars relating to factories manufacturing boots and shoes are shown in the following table:—

VICTORIA—BOOTS AND SHOES.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—					
	1941.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
Number of establishments ..	166	195	210	231	249	235
Number of persons employed	10,038	9,464	10,752	11,039	11,121	11,329
Horse-power of engines used..	4,626	5,337	5,229	5,651	6,038	8,390
Value of plant, machinery, land, and buildings ..	£ 1,116,642	1,373,385	1,511,817	1,693,704	1,790,251	2,030,925
Salaries and wages paid	£ 1,912,575	2,353,753	2,923,519	3,302,882	3,832,036	4,285,370
Fuel, light, and power	£ 31,329	37,505	41,316	48,457	57,881	58,899
Value of materials used	£ 3,218,336	4,020,905	4,832,669	5,164,190	5,807,671	6,540,775
Value of output ..	£ 5,896,871	7,765,401	9,193,925	10,332,454	11,614,506	12,887,888
Boots and shoes made	pairs 7,907,596	7,031,105	7,302,844	7,804,994	7,323,018	6,936,779
Slippers made ..	pairs 4,245,000	3,246,022	4,833,405	4,749,785	4,549,043	4,271,930

Information in the next table relates to industries associated with the manufacture of dress. The figures shown represent, for each of the past five years, the sum of the undermentioned statistical sub-classes of industry:—Tailoring and ready-made tailoring, waterproof and oilskin clothing, dressmaking, millinery, shirts, underclothing, foundation garments, handkerchiefs, hats and caps, and gloves (knitting industry is not included).

VICTORIA—DRESS (EXCLUSIVE OF BOOT) FACTORIES.

Year ended 30th June—	Number of Factories.	Number of Persons Employed.			Salaries and Wages Paid.	Value of Materials Used.	Value of Output.
		Males.	Females.	Total.			
1946	1,162	4,222	21,776	25,998	£ 4,993,573	£ 10,660,720	£ 19,294,628
1947	1,216	5,270	23,182	28,452	6,122,992	12,999,733	23,419,798
1948	1,299	5,509	24,124	29,633	7,201,722	16,569,876	29,118,225
1949	1,471	6,244	25,996	32,240	9,272,246	20,924,124	36,562,066
1950	1,522	6,440	26,169	32,609	10,416,324	18,113,304	35,493,559

Electric light and power works. Particulars relating to the electric light and power works of the State are given in the next table:—

VICTORIA—ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER WORKS.

Year ended 30th June—	Number.	Value of Machinery and Plant.	Persons Employed.	Wages Paid.	Electricity Generated.	Value of Output.
		£		£	'000 kilowatt hours.	£
1941	73	8,040,055	1,417	454,182	1,385,038	2,980,947
1942	71	8,119,400	1,418	486,931	1,539,960	3,415,892
1943	70	8,284,916	1,397	544,551	1,648,233	3,837,000
1944	72	8,394,868	1,438	595,315	1,671,745	3,779,763
1945	70	10,103,146	1,534	612,553	1,714,763	3,993,472
1946	69	10,233,183	1,760	681,761	1,803,407	4,167,493
1947	67	10,484,417	1,906	752,820	1,838,893	4,025,721
1948	67	10,776,348	1,978	967,386	2,081,329	4,248,220
1949	68	12,725,787	2,059	1,221,460	2,321,283	5,512,473
1950	67	14,797,107	2,294	1,452,885	2,530,227	6,214,850

Employees engaged in the transmission and distribution of electricity have not been included. In addition to the power stations shown above there is a number of factories which generate electricity mostly for their own use; the recorded total of thousand kwh's generated for each of the past five years was as follows:— 1945-46, 100,996; 1946-47, 163,174; 1947-48, 178,610; 1948-49, 182,698; and 1949-50, 175,885.

STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION OF VICTORIA.

The State Electricity Commission was constituted by the *Electricity Commissioners Act* 1918, as amended by the *State Electricity Commission Act* 1920, now consolidated in the *State Electricity Commission Act* 1928. The Act provides for the appointment, for terms not exceeding seven years, of a chairman and three commissioners. The Commission's duties cover—

1. Control of generation, supply, and use of electricity in Victoria.
2. Investigation and, where practicable, development of all possible sources of power.
3. Promotion of the use of electricity.

The Commission is empowered to erect, acquire, and operate electrical undertakings and to operate any business associated therewith; to supply electricity to corporations and to persons outside areas in which there are existing undertakings; to frame safety regulations, register electrical contractors, and to issue licences for electrical mechanics. It controls its own funds and all officers and employees required for the operation of the Act.

A comprehensive generation and transmission system has been established based mainly upon the brown coal deposits at Yallourn, where the installed capacity of generators is 195,000 kW., including

six turbo-alternators of 12,500 kW., four of 25,000 kW., and two of 10,000 kW. (installed at briquette factory). From Yallourn two 132,000 volt lines transmit electricity to terminal stations at Richmond and Yarraville. There are also thermal power stations at Newport "B" and "C" (installed 198,000 kW.) which now carries a substantial portion of the base load, in addition to fulfilling its originally planned role of a peak-load station only, Richmond (installed 15,000 kW.), Geelong (installed 10,500 kW.), and Ballarat (installed 5,900 kW.), and hydro-electric stations at Sugarloaf-Rubicon (installed 26,415 kW.) and Kiewa (installed 26,000 kW.).

These power stations, together with the Melbourne City Council's station at Spencer-street (installed 43,650 kW.), are electrically inter-connected. A regional station is operated at Hamilton (1,987 kW.).

The following extensions to new power stations are in progress or scheduled to proceed: Kiewa 263,000 kW., Yallourn 300,000 kW., Richmond 38,000 kW., Eildon (Sugarloaf-Rubicon) 120,000 kW., Spencer-street 45,000 kW., Shepparton 10,000 kW., Warrnambool 10,000 kW., and Ballarat and Geelong 40,000 kW.

Newport "A" station, transferred from Victorian Railways Commissioners control on 21st January, 1951 (capacity 83,000 kW.), is to be increased by 60,000 kW.

There are eight terminal stations (total kVA 436,250) and two switching stations (18,000 kVA), in addition to which there are 38 main metropolitan sub-stations (aggregating 518,750 kVA), four distribution sub-stations at line voltage (aggregating 16,500 kVA), and 6,091 metropolitan and rural sub-stations (aggregating 613,519 kVA)—grand total, 1,603,019 kVA. High and low tension lines aggregate 7,407 and 6,168 miles respectively, excluding 739 cable miles of underground cables.

The Commission retails direct in 22 of the metropolitan municipalities and bulk supply is given to 11 metropolitan municipalities for subsequent distribution. Rural centres supplied by the Commission at the 30th June, 1950, totalled 714, of which 615 had no supply previously. These figures exclude the provincial cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, and Geelong, where the Commission also operates tramways.

The Commission also operates at Yallourn a briquette factory, the production of which in 1948-49 and 1949-50 amounted to 558,899 and 588,564 tons respectively. The plant includes eight steam presses and thirteen electric presses, with a total capacity of approximately 1,700 tons of brown coal briquettes a day. The bulk of the output is required for electricity generation. By-product electricity amounting to 101.7, 102.3 and 88.2 million kWh. was generated at the briquette factory during 1948-49, 1949-50 and 1950-51 respectively.

At Morwell work is in progress on the establishment of an open cut and four briquette factories (capacity 2,600,000 tons of briquettes per annum), and by-product electricity (80,000 kW.) will be available to the inter-connected system.

Gasworks.

Particulars in regard to gasworks are given below for each of the past five years:—

VICTORIA—GASWORKS.

Year ended 30th June—	Number of Works.	Persons Employed.	Wages Paid.	Coal Used.	Oil Used.	Gas Made.	Coke Produced.	Value of Output.
			£	Tons.	Gals.	'000 cubic feet.	Tons.	£
1946 ..	39	1,253	425,889	608,942	1,703,068	10,862,865	347,149	2,436,024
1947 ..	39	1,230	442,718	622,232	1,561,098	10,903,505	343,022	2,397,860
1948 ..	39	1,337	577,636	709,512	1,213,257	12,166,560	389,505	3,114,351
1949 ..	37	1,367	653,926	723,201	1,853,830	12,097,409	397,258	3,749,498
1950 ..	36	1,330	706,721	608,453	3,380,329	10,746,792	334,875	3,696,796

Factory output by classes.

The following table is an analysis of factory statistics designed to show the relative importance of the various classes of manufacturing in Victoria:—

VICTORIA—VALUE OF ARTICLES PRODUCED IN FACTORIES.

Class of Industry.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	£	£	£	£	£
1. Treatment of non-metallic mine and quarry products ..	3,315,588	4,471,555	6,018,357	7,465,346	8,880,775
2. Bricks, pottery, glass, &c.	2,718,311	3,163,659	3,826,545	4,624,885	5,661,971
3. Chemicals, dyes, explosives, paint, oils, and grease ..	20,260,798	22,366,179	26,998,327	30,859,717	35,767,755
4. Industrial metals, machines, implements, and conveyances ..	77,243,145	70,211,858	90,004,030	107,630,278	134,231,798
5. Precious metals, jewellery, and plate ..	1,349,056	2,130,185	3,012,805	3,411,910	4,338,537
6. Textiles and textile goods (not dress) ..	29,183,535	34,432,762	40,969,968	50,995,855	62,139,095
7. Skins and leather (not clothing or footwear) ..	6,469,308	9,033,530	9,516,197	10,611,061	13,428,697
8. Clothing ..	28,928,234	34,948,122	41,999,675	51,111,398	52,057,960
9. Food, drink, and tobacco	70,538,377	79,646,847	89,330,013	101,325,811	118,201,095
10. Woodworking and basket ware ..	9,518,189	11,731,942	15,047,370	18,141,132	21,166,958
11. Furniture, bedding, &c.	3,418,440	4,538,526	5,719,557	6,944,467	8,480,366
12. Paper, stationery, printing, bookbinding, &c.	15,423,419	18,520,834	21,388,413	25,572,876	29,666,014
13. Rubber ..	6,131,232	7,098,727	8,313,923	9,666,834	11,623,706
14. Musical instruments ..	46,238	56,671	78,600	136,482	161,635
15. Miscellaneous products ..	5,842,021	6,662,701	7,825,674	9,077,856	10,748,272
16. Heat, light, and power ..	6,603,517	6,423,581	7,362,571	9,261,971	9,911,646
Total ..	286,989,408	315,437,679	377,412,025	446,837,879	526,466,280

Employment in factories. The average number of persons employed over the whole year in each class of industry is shown below:—

VICTORIA—AVERAGE NUMBER OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN FACTORIES.

Class of Industry.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
1. Treatment of non-metalliferous mine and quarry products	2,659	3,467	4,263	4,658	4,998
2. Bricks, pottery, glass, &c.	3,574	4,091	4,124	4,351	4,621
3. Chemicals, dyes, explosives, paint, oils, and grease	11,961	11,363	11,030	11,180	11,590
4. Industrial metals, machines, implements, and conveyances	88,421	83,408	89,771	94,187	98,852
5. Precious metals, jewellery, and plate	1,602	2,307	3,029	3,361	3,499
6. Textiles and textile goods (not dress)	30,215	31,896	32,745	34,137	34,264
7. Skins and leather (not clothing or footwear)	4,558	5,621	5,518	5,643	5,777
8. Clothing	38,552	42,847	44,506	47,335	48,133
9. Food, drink, and tobacco	33,811	35,375	35,708	36,605	38,555
10. Woodworking and basketware	10,139	11,145	11,826	12,956	13,364
11. Furniture, bedding, &c.	3,724	4,643	5,077	5,573	5,907
12. Paper, stationery, printing, bookbinding, &c.	13,723	15,526	15,674	16,450	17,439
13. Rubber	3,644	4,024	4,242	4,490	4,758
14. Musical instruments	83	105	123	186	185
15. Miscellaneous products	6,570	6,803	7,320	7,468	7,910
16. Heat, light, and power	3,013	3,136	3,315	3,426	3,624
Total	256,249	265,757	278,271	292,006	303,476

Particulars in the following table show that by comparison with the previous year increases in the number of factories and the persons employed therein were recorded in all size groups except that of 51 to 100 hands. There was a minor decrease in both number of factories and number of employees in that group.

Size of factories.

VICTORIA—FACTORIES ACCORDING TO NUMBER OF HANDS EMPLOYED.

Showing Annual Percentage Increase or Decrease (Year ended 30th June).									
	1946.	Increase.	1947.	Increase.	1948.	Increase.	1949.	Increase.	1950.
		%		%		%		%	
Under 4 hands—									
Number of—									
Factories ..	3,065	-5.2	3,087	0.7	3,314	7.4	3,706	11.8	3,944
Employees ..	6,025	-1.4	6,185	2.7	6,853	10.8	7,560	10.3	8,005
4 hands—									
Number of—									
Factories ..	785	3.3	874	11.3	1,025	17.3	1,132	10.4	1,168
Employees ..	3,140	3.3	3,496	11.3	4,100	17.3	4,528	10.4	4,672
5 to 10 hands—									
Number of—									
Factories ..	2,520	14.3	2,792	10.8	2,938	5.2	3,259	10.9	3,387
Employees ..	17,632	14.5	19,087	8.3	20,236	6.0	22,505	11.2	23,470
11 to 20 hands—									
Number of—									
Factories ..	1,584	13.7	1,718	8.4	1,794	4.4	1,954	8.9	1,983
Employees ..	23,521	14.4	25,047	6.5	26,440	5.6	29,030	9.8	29,214
21 to 50 hands—									
Number of—									
Factories ..	1,287	11.0	1,464	8.8	1,517	3.6	1,563	3.0	1,653
Employees ..	40,876	11.1	45,711	11.8	47,556	4.0	48,797	2.6	51,914
51 to 100 hands—									
Number of—									
Factories ..	490	8.2	546	11.4	559	2.4	583	4.3	581
Employees ..	34,314	9.1	38,112	11.4	39,462	3.5	40,919	3.7	40,789
Over 100 hands—									
Number of—									
Factories ..	464	-0.7	468	0.9	495	5.8	505	2.0	515
Employees ..	132,285	-8.9	128,911	-2.6	135,313	5.0	140,034	3.5	146,846

Note.—Minus sign indicates decrease.

The composition of the last-mentioned group "over 100 hands" during 1949-50 was as follows:—

	Number of	
	Factories.	Employees.
101 to 200 hands ..	281	38,769
201 to 300 hands ..	99	24,714
301 to 400 hands ..	53	18,550
401 to 500 hands ..	20	9,031
501 to 750 hands ..	36	21,257
751 to 1,000 hands ..	12	10,209
1,001 hands and over ..	14	24,316
	515	146,846

VICTORIA—PROPORTION OF FACTORIES OF DIFFERENT SIZES.

Size of Factory.	Percentage to Total (Year ended 30th June)—									
	1946.		1947.		1948.		1949.		1950.	
	Factories.	Employees.	Factories.	Employees.	Factories.	Employees.	Factories.	Employees.	Factories.	Employees.
Under 4 hands ..	30.1	2.3	28.2	2.3	28.5	2.5	29.2	2.6	29.8	2.6
4 ..	7.7	1.2	8.0	1.3	8.8	1.5	8.9	1.5	8.8	1.5
5 to 10 ..	24.7	6.9	25.5	7.2	25.2	7.2	25.6	7.7	25.6	7.7
11 to 20 ..	15.5	9.1	15.7	9.4	15.4	9.4	15.4	9.9	15.0	9.6
21 to 50 ..	12.6	15.9	13.4	17.2	13.0	17.0	12.3	16.6	12.5	17.0
51 to 100 ..	4.8	13.3	4.9	14.3	4.8	14.1	4.6	14.0	4.4	13.4
101 and over ..	4.6	51.3	4.3	48.3	4.3	48.3	4.0	47.7	3.9	48.2
Total ..	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Occupations in factories.

In the following table the persons employed in factories are grouped according to their occupational status:—

VICTORIA—OCCUPATIONS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN FACTORIES.

Occupations.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
Working proprietors ..	8,089	9,045	9,774	10,884	11,456
Managerial and clerical staff, including salaried managers and working directors ..	24,236	25,519	26,753	28,144	29,469
Chemists, draftsmen and other laboratory and research staff ..	3,255	3,027	3,120	3,322	3,462
Foremen and overseers ..	9,439	10,622	10,972	11,914	12,615
Workers in factory, skilled and unskilled ..	208,725	215,273	225,515	235,382	244,052
Carters (excluding delivery only) messengers and persons working regularly at home for the establishment ..	2,505	2,271	2,137	2,360	2,422
Total ..	256,249	265,757	278,271	292,006	303,476

Particulars in the above table have been presented in accordance with amendments adopted at the 1945 Conference of Statisticians.

Outworkers. The term "outworkers" used in the preceding table relates to persons working for factories in their own homes, but does not include individuals working for themselves. The employment of outworkers is regulated by a special provision of the Factories and Shops Act. They are required to register their names and addresses with the Chief Inspector of Factories, and factory proprietors are forbidden to give work to those who are not so registered.

Sex distribution in factories. The average numbers of males and of females employed in factories, and their proportions to the male and female populations, for each of the years, 1940-41 to 1949-50, were as follows:—

VICTORIA—EMPLOYMENT OF MALES AND FEMALES IN FACTORIES.

Year Ended 30th June—	Males.		Females.		Total.	
	Number.	Average per 10,000 of Male Population.	Number.	Average per 10,000 of Female Population.	Number.	Average. per 10,000 of Total Population.
1941 ..	161,880	1,745	75,756	781	237,636	1,252
1942 ..	175,691	1,812	82,709	840	258,400	1,322
1943 ..	175,340	1,792	87,017	874	262,357	1,331
1944 ..	175,049	1,780	86,250	858	261,299	1,314
1945 ..	174,424	1,769	83,209	820	257,633	1,285
1946 ..	178,951	1,798	77,298	758	256,249	1,271
1947 ..	188,758	1,875	76,999	745	265,757	1,303
1948 ..	199,003	1,957	79,268	759	278,271	1,350
1949 ..	208,184	1,994	83,822	784	292,006	1,382
1950 ..	216,198	2,007	87,278	799	303,476	1,310

Of the total persons employed, males formed 68·1 per cent. in 1940-41 and 71·2 per cent. in 1949-50. As compared with the year 1940-41, the number of males employed increased by 54,318 or 33·6 per cent. and the number of females employed by 11,522 or 15·2 per cent.

**Employment
of females.**

Of the total number of females in factories, 60 per cent. were engaged in the textile and clothing groups of industries, 12 per cent. in the industrial metals, machines, &c., and 12 per cent. in the preparation of food and drink. The extent of female employment in certain industries is shown in the next table:—

VICTORIA—FEMALE EMPLOYMENT IN FACTORIES, 1949-50.

Industry.	Number Employed.		Females per 100 Males.
	Males.	Females.	
Pharmaceutical and toilet preparations ..	685	769	112
Inks—polishes	355	255	72
Cotton	1,333	1,488	112
Woollen Mills	6,414	5,700	89
Hosiery and knitting	4,711	9,493	202
Silk, natural	134	256	191
Rayon, nylon, and other synthetic fibres ..	474	209	44
Rope and cordage	988	647	65
Canvas goods, &c.	228	195	86
Furriers and fur dressing	278	205	74
Bags, trunks, &c.	708	770	109
Tailoring and ready-made clothing	3,141	7,501	239
Clothing, waterproof	119	372	313
Dressmaking, hemstitching	1,496	10,675	714
Millinery	217	975	449
Shirts, collars, underclothing	580	4,277	737
Foundation garments	186	1,020	548
Handkerchiefs, ties, &c.	82	441	538
Hats and caps	445	291	65
Gloves	110	413	375
Boots and shoes	5,645	5,684	101
Boot accessories	251	260	104
Umbrellas and walking sticks	22	52	236
Dyeworks and cleaning	1,592	1,283	81
Cereal foods, &c.	848	500	59
Biscuits	705	746	106
Confectionery	1,607	1,861	116
Jams, fruit, and vegetable canning	2,394	1,741	73
Pickles, sauces, vinegar	469	310	66
Meat and fish preserving, &c.	1,011	571	56
Condiments, coffee, spices	795	609	77
Tobacco, cigarettes, &c.	939	1,102	117
Ice cream	252	154	61
Bedding mattresses (not wire)	357	225	63
Furnishing, drapery	170	283	166
Stationery, manufactured	572	561	98
Cardboard boxes, cartons	888	836	94
Paper bags	161	236	147
Photographic material	695	658	95
Artificial flowers	31	168	542
All other factories	174,110	23,486	13
Total	216,198	87,278	40

**Child labour
in factories.**

The main reason for the small proportion of children engaged in factories is that daily attendance at school is compulsory between the ages of 6 and 14 years.

Another reason is the restriction imposed by the Victorian Factories Act on the employment of female children under the age of 15 years unless a special permit is granted by the Chief Inspector of Factories on the grounds of poverty or hardship.

VICTORIA—FACTORY EMPLOYMENT—AGE GROUPS.

Date.	Males.				Females.			
	Under 16 Years.	16 and Under 21 Years.	21 Years and Over.	Total Males.	Under 16 Years.	16 and Under 21 Years.	21 Years and Over.	Total Females.
June 15th, 1941	5,775	27,248	130,919	163,942	4,664	23,238	49,776	77,678
" " 1942	5,458	20,039	141,481	166,978	3,754	20,900	58,051	82,705
" " 1943	5,251	19,407	143,826	168,484	3,477	20,224	62,422	86,123
" " 1944	5,031	19,928	141,943	166,902	3,731	19,274	59,389	82,394
" " 1945	4,607	20,379	142,117	167,103	3,609	18,473	58,195	80,277
" " 1946	3,449	20,836	155,504	179,789	3,007	17,568	54,630	75,205
" " 1947	2,938	20,091	161,232	184,261	2,801	16,943	56,824	76,568
" " 1948	2,743	18,851	171,096	192,690	2,564	16,627	59,915	79,106
" " 1949	2,806	18,305	179,039	200,150	2,354	16,374	65,245	83,973
" " 1950	2,670	17,113	188,788	208,571	2,181	15,093	70,598	87,872

Percentage—

Date.	To Total Males Employed				To Total Females Employed			
	Under 16 Years.	16 and Under 21 Years.	21 Years and Over.	Total	Under 16 Years.	16 and Under 21 Years.	21 Years and Over.	Total
June 15th, 1941	3.52	16.62	79.86	100.00	6.00	29.92	64.08	100.00
" " 1942	3.27	12.00	84.73	100.00	4.54	25.27	70.19	100.00
" " 1943	3.12	11.52	85.36	100.00	4.04	23.48	72.48	100.00
" " 1944	3.01	11.94	85.05	100.00	4.53	23.39	72.08	100.00
" " 1945	2.76	12.20	85.04	100.00	4.50	23.01	72.49	100.00
" " 1946	1.92	11.59	86.49	100.00	4.00	23.36	72.64	100.00
" " 1947	1.60	10.90	87.50	100.00	3.66	22.13	74.21	100.00
" " 1948	1.42	9.78	88.80	100.00	3.24	21.02	75.74	100.00
" " 1949	1.40	9.15	89.45	100.00	2.80	19.50	77.70	100.00
" " 1950	1.28	8.20	90.52	100.00	2.48	17.18	80.34	100.00

**Machinery
in factories.**

In the following tables are shown the number of factories using mechanical power, and the value of the machinery and plant for each of the ten years, 1940-41 to 1949-50. The value recorded is the depreciated value or book value less any existing depreciation reserve.

VICTORIA—MACHINERY IN FACTORIES.

Year ended 30th June.	Number of Factories Equipped with Power-driven Machinery.	Rated Horse-power Used. *	Value of Machinery and Plant.
			£
1941	8,678	1,063,200	44,985,756
1942	8,527	1,167,102	48,065,805
1943	8,426	1,209,668	51,963,258
1944	8,988	1,282,764	55,457,719
1945	9,318	1,337,871	58,571,064
1946	9,851	1,413,958	58,537,394
1947	10,563	1,438,472	59,124,802
1948	11,270	1,543,848	65,829,201
1949	12,367	1,617,088	76,079,598
1950	12,882	1,758,222	92,748,475

* See paragraph below relating to Horse-power.

The nature of the motive power used in the factories of the State is set out in the next table. Establishments using more than one kind of mechanical power are included once only in the table, usually under the power which is principally used.

VICTORIA—NATURE OF POWER USED IN FACTORIES.

Year ended 30th June—	Number of Factories with Engines Operated by—					Number of Factories employing Manual Labour only.
	Steam.	Gas.	Electricity.	Oil.	Water.	
1941	300	101	7,863	407	7	443
1942	280	91	7,770	382	4	391
1943	263	73	7,726	358	6	312
1944	247	62	8,296	378	5	329
1945	231	59	8,651	370	7	351
1946	210	59	9,175	396	11	344
1947	211	41	9,897	405	9	386
1948	215	38	10,550	462	5	372
1949	216	34	11,609	504	4	335
1950	212	22	12,088	553	7	349

The difficulty of obtaining an accurate measure of average horse-power of engines used in factories has been pointed out in previous issues of the *Year-Book*. In 1937 Australian Statisticians decided to discard the "average" as a measure of horse-power and to substitute the "rated" horse-power of engines (a) ordinarily in use, and (b) in reserve or idle.

VICTORIA—HORSE-POWER OF ENGINES IN FACTORIES, 1949-50.

Class of Engine.	Electric Generating Stations (Maximum Load).	Other Factories.	Total.
Steam—	H.P.	H.P.	H.P.
Reciprocating	625	23,974	24,599
Turbine	739,900	36,414	776,314
Internal Combustion—			
Gas	929	1,954	2,883
Petrol or other light oils	410	10,858	11,268
Heavy oils	14,921	14,134	29,055
Water	72,173	1,175	73,348
Total	828,958	88,509	917,467
Electric motors driven by—			
(a) Purchased electricity		774,692	774,692
(b) Electricity generated in own works	31,570	34,493	66,063

Reserve or idle horse-power capacity amounted to 113,094, exclusive of that in generating stations.

The total amount and the average amount of salaries and wages paid to persons employed in factories are given in the following table for each of the past ten years:—

VICTORIA—SALARIES AND WAGES PAID IN FACTORIES.

Year ended 30th June.	Drawings by Working Proprietors (excluding Profits).		Salaries Paid to Managers and Clerks. †		Wages Paid to all other Factory Workers. ‡		Total Salaries and Wages Paid.
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	
Aggregate Amounts.							
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1941 ..	2,352,463	145,603	5,590,750	1,076,741	34,798,321	8,330,795	52,294,673
1942 ..	2,636,721	158,615	6,728,962	1,410,398	45,451,222	10,772,695	67,158,613
1943 ..	2,827,086	170,772	7,760,216	1,959,005	50,329,054	12,986,978	76,033,111
1944 ..	3,229,601	209,894	8,584,082	2,295,621	50,026,632	13,054,858	77,400,688
1945 ..	3,417,682	248,642	8,878,188	2,342,123	47,237,597	12,103,013	74,227,245
1946 ..	*	*	8,415,206	2,157,676	48,357,567	11,568,765	70,499,214*
1947 ..	*	*	9,492,106	2,224,201	53,543,120	12,734,338	77,993,765*
1948 ..	*	*	10,876,982	2,627,096	65,435,234	14,862,876	93,802,188*
1949 ..	*	*	12,714,268	3,063,591	78,050,654	18,581,927	112,410,440*
1950 ..	*	*	14,806,317	3,599,526	90,329,170	21,519,681	130,254,694*
Average Amounts.							
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1941 ..	343 0 6	202 4 6	376 1 0	146 13 6	248 5 8	123 1 3	216 9 1*
1942 ..	393 17 10	224 19 9	433 1 4	162 10 6	296 3 7	146 18 4	256 8 6*
1943 ..	434 10 9	253 7 5	467 17 7	189 1 2	330 11 6	170 18 6	286 4 4*
1944 ..	451 15 1	277 5 5	492 11 6	204 9 1	332 9 3	175 15 9	291 17 8*
1945 ..	460 0 11	313 3 0	486 6 4	204 15 4	317 11 9	170 10 3	282 18 3*
1946 ..	..	..	495 13 1	205 4 9	312 15 5	175 2 7	284 1 9*
1947 ..	..	..	520 9 9	215 15 1	330 0 10	193 2 9	303 16 5*
1948 ..	..	..	562 16 4	249 1 8	333 5 3	218 18 5	349 7 2*
1949 ..	..	..	623 9 3	276 13 5	438 17 2	258 15 7	399 17 3*
1950 ..	..	..	693 15 3	310 12 0	489 13 11	288 7 1	446 0 11*

* From 1945-46 inclusive, particulars of drawings of working proprietors have not been included in the collection form and the average annual salaries and wages paid have been computed exclusive of the number of working proprietors and the drawings made by them.

† From 1945-46 inclusive, salaries paid to chemists, draftsmen and research staff are included.

‡ From 1945-46 inclusive, wages paid to foremen and overseers are included.

The average annual earnings of all employees (excluding working proprietors) increased by £46 3s. 8d. in 1949-50.

The cost of production and the value of the output in each class of manufacturing industry during the year 1949-50 are given in the subjoined statement:—

VICTORIA—FACTORY COSTS AND OUTPUT, 1949-50.

Class of Industry.	Cost of—				Value of Output.
	Raw Materials Used (including Containers).	Fuel, Light, and Power Used.	Salaries and Wages Paid.	Tools Replaced, Repairs to Plant, Oil and Water Used.	
	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
	£	£	£	£	£
1. Treatment of non-metalliciferous mine and quarry products ..	3,773,386	578,069	2,268,181	297,101	8,880,775
2. Bricks, pottery, glass, &c.	1,251,981	832,209	2,078,446	438,075	5,661,971
3. Chemicals, dyes, explosives, paint, oils, and grease	21,346,933	879,694	5,579,241	722,187	35,767,755
4. Industrial metals, machines, implements, and conveyances ..	58,470,450	1,772,570	46,362,904	2,805,189	134,231,798
5. Precious metals, jewellery, and plate ..	1,868,869	50,958	1,540,756	65,211	4,338,537
6. Textiles and textile goods (not dress) ..	37,469,971	897,346	13,126,177	1,186,193	62,139,095
7. Skins and leather (not clothing or footwear) ..	8,185,274	259,993	2,652,887	282,675	13,428,697
8. Clothing ..	25,643,406	417,808	16,100,274	516,575	52,057,960
9. Food, drink, and tobacco	81,809,557	2,411,569	17,033,536	1,619,147	118,201,095
10. Woodworking and basketware ..	10,994,649	240,684	5,531,320	493,919	21,166,958
11. Furniture, bedding, &c...	4,480,951	40,360	2,182,019	77,459	8,480,366
12. Paper, stationery, printing, bookbinding, &c...	14,624,161	547,604	7,860,467	545,344	29,666,014
13. Rubber ..	6,397,073	401,573	2,477,625	339,359	11,623,706
14. Musical instruments ..	42,611	1,604	80,203	2,284	161,635
15. Miscellaneous products ..	5,439,255	153,841	3,221,052	185,956	10,748,272
16. Heat, light, and power ..	2,398,492	3,336,122	2,159,606	625,976	9,911,646
Total ..	284,197,019	12,822,004	130,254,694	10,202,650	526,466,280

The difference between the sum of the first four columns and the last column in the preceding table represents the amount available for taxation, depreciation, interest, rent, insurance, &c., and funds available for profit. The proportions which this margin and the chief items of the specified costs of production bear to the total value of production in each class of industry are shown in the following table:—

**VICTORIA—PROPORTIONATE VALUE OF COSTS, ETC., TO
PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES, 1949-50.**

Class of Industry.	Percentage of Costs, &c., to Total Value of Output.				
	Materials Used, Including Containers.	Fuel, Light, and Power.	Salaries and Wages.	Tools Replaced, Repairs to Plant, Oil and Water Used.	All Other Expendi- ture, Interest, and Profit.
	%	%	%	%	%
1. Treatment of non-metalliferous mine and quarry products ..	42.5	6.5	25.5	3.3	22.2
2. Bricks, pottery, glass, &c.	22.1	14.7	36.7	7.7	18.8
3. Chemicals, dyes, explosives, paint, oils, and grease	59.7	2.5	15.6	2.0	20.2
4. Industrial metals, machines, implements, and conveyances ..	43.6	1.3	34.5	2.1	18.5
5. Precious metals, jewellery, and plate ..	43.1	1.2	35.5	1.5	18.7
6. Textiles and textile goods (not dress) ..	60.3	1.4	21.1	1.9	15.3
7. Skins and leather (not clothing or footwear)	60.9	1.9	19.8	2.1	15.3
8. Clothing ..	49.3	0.8	30.9	1.0	18.0
9. Food, drink, and tobacco	69.2	2.0	14.4	1.4	13.0
10. Woodworking and basketware ..	51.9	1.1	26.1	2.3	18.6
11. Furniture, bedding, &c...	52.8	0.5	25.7	0.9	20.1
12. Paper, stationery, printing, bookbinding, &c.	49.3	1.8	26.5	1.8	20.6
13. Rubber ..	55.0	3.5	21.3	2.9	17.3
14. Musical instruments ..	26.4	1.0	49.6	1.4	21.6
15. Miscellaneous products ..	50.6	1.4	30.0	1.7	16.3
16. Heat, light, and power ..	24.2	33.7	21.8	6.3	14.0
Total ..	54.0	2.4	24.8	1.9	16.9

There are considerable variations in the proportions which the cost of materials and the expenditure on wages bear to the value of the output in the different classes of industries. These are, of course, due to the difference in the treatment required to convert the raw material to its manufactured form. Thus, in class two, the sum paid in wages represents 36·7 per cent. and the cost of raw materials 22·1 per cent. of the value of the finished article, whilst, in class nine, the expenditure on wages amounts to 14·4 per cent. and that on raw materials to 69·2 per cent. of the value of the output.

**Cost of
Production.**

In the next table the cost of production, the value of the output of factories, and the balance available for profit and miscellaneous expenses are compared for each of the years 1940-41 to 1949-50.

**VICTORIA—COSTS OF PRODUCTION, ETC., AND VALUE OF
OUTPUT OF FACTORIES.**

Year ended 30th June—	Specified Costs of Production.				All other Costs, &c. *	Total Value of Output.
	Materials, Including Containers.	Fuel, Light, and Power.	Salaries and Wages.	Tools Replaced, Repairs to Plant, Oil and Water Used.		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1941	112,024,332	4,622,042	52,294,673	3,701,760	36,706,038	209,348,845
1942	136,058,136	5,560,913	67,158,613	4,724,417	43,779,001	257,281,080
1943	144,778,354	5,955,767	76,033,111	5,565,072	45,346,636	277,678,940
1944	149,189,244	6,177,388	77,400,688	5,950,764	45,929,830	284,647,914
1945	152,761,198	6,298,860	74,227,245	5,984,946	48,150,062	287,422,311
1946	154,224,950	6,305,727	70,499,214	6,208,244	49,751,273	286,989,408
1947	170,223,745	7,201,406	77,993,765	6,516,378	53,502,385	315,437,679
1948	203,121,836	8,339,792	93,802,188	7,449,377	64,698,832	377,412,025
1949	244,486,168	10,612,058	112,410,440	8,979,277	70,349,936	446,837,879
1950	284,197,019	12,822,004	130,254,694	10,202,650	88,989,913	526,466,280

* Includes all expenditure not specified on collection form, viz., taxation, depreciation, interest, rent, insurance, &c., and funds available for profit.

These figures are reduced in the succeeding statement to their respective percentages of the total output.

VICTORIA—PROPORTION OF OUTLAY TO OUTPUT OF FACTORIES.

Year ended 30th June—	Proportion of Outlay to Output.					Total.
	Materials, Including Containers.	Fuel, Light, and Power.	Salaries and Wages.	Tools Replaced, Repairs to Plant, Oil and Water Used.	Other Expendi- ture, Interest, and Profit.	
	%	%	%	%	%	%
1941	53·5	2·2	25·0	1·8	17·5	100·0
1942	52·9	2·2	26·1	1·8	17·0	100·0
1943	52·1	2·2	27·4	2·0	16·3	100·0
1944	52·4	2·2	27·2	2·1	16·1	100·0
1945	53·1	2·2	25·8	2·1	16·8	100·0
1946	53·7	2·2	24·6	2·2	17·3	100·0
1947	54·0	2·3	24·7	2·1	16·9	100·0
1948	53·8	2·2	24·9	2·0	17·1	100·0
1949	54·7	2·4	25·1	2·0	15·8	100·0
1950	54·0	2·4	24·8	1·9	16·9	100·0

The ratio of cost of materials to the value of the output of factories was 54·1 per cent. on the average of the last five years, as against 52·8 per cent. in the period 1940-41 to 1944-45. The ratio of salaries and wages to output averaged 24·8 per cent. over the last five years, as against 26·4 per cent. over the period 1940-41 to 1944-45. The proportionate outlay on fuel, light, and power was 2·3 per cent. as against 2·2 per cent. After allocating the proportion for repairs to plant and buildings, replacement of tools, and costs of lubricating oil and of water, the balance available for miscellaneous expenses, rent, interest, and manufacturers' profit was £16 15s. 2d. in every £100 of the total output value in the period 1945-46 to 1949-50, as compared with £16 14s. 1d. in the preceding five-year period.

In 1949-50 wages and salaries took 59·4 per cent. of the value added in manufacturing (see page 466), leaving 40·6 per cent. for the payment of expenses not specified above (taxation, depreciation, interest, rent, insurance, &c.), and funds available for profits.

In the following statement the amount of capital invested in machinery, plant, land, and buildings used in connexion with the various classes of manufacturing industries is shown for the year 1949-50.

Capital
Invested in
manufacturing
plant and
premises.

VICTORIA—VALUE OF MACHINERY AND PLANT, LAND AND BUILDINGS, 1949-50.

Class of Industry.	Value of Land and Buildings.	Value of Machinery and Plant.
	£	£
1. Treatment of non-metalliferous mine and quarry products ..	1,441,475	1,958,805
2. Bricks, pottery, glass, &c. ..	1,193,471	1,152,315
3. Chemicals, dyes, explosives, paint, oils, and grease ..	6,881,726	8,747,333
4. Industrial metals, machines, implements, and conveyances ..	25,207,011	22,354,239
5. Precious metals, jewellery, and plate ..	795,754	446,439
6. Textiles and textile goods (not dress) ..	8,253,363	8,980,091
7. Skins and leather (not clothing or footwear) ..	1,607,230	895,548
8. Clothing ..	7,501,480	3,201,956
9. Food, drink, and tobacco ..	15,183,985	12,727,298
10. Woodworking and basketware ..	2,604,639	2,569,421
11. Furniture, bedding, &c. ..	1,631,346	456,196
12. Paper, stationery, printing, bookbinding, &c. ..	5,251,205	6,386,713
13. Rubber ..	1,434,625	1,359,850
14. Musical instruments ..	58,459	19,072
15. Miscellaneous products ..	1,761,244	1,485,663
16. Heat, light, and power ..	3,316,861	20,007,536
Total ..	84,123,894	92,748,475

The capital invested in plant, buildings, &c., used in connexion with three classes of industry—food and drink, industrial metals, &c., and heat, light, and power—amounted, in the year under review to £98,796,930, approximately 56 per cent. of the total for all manufacturing industries.

The values of machinery and plant and of land and buildings used in connexion with manufacturing industries and the value of depreciation allowed thereon are shown in the next table for the years 1945-46 to 1949-50. The value recorded is the depreciated value or the book value less any existing depreciation reserve.

VICTORIA—VALUE OF MACHINERY AND PLANT, LAND AND BUILDINGS, AND DEPRECIATION.

Year ended 30th June—	Land and Buildings.		Machinery and Plant.	
	Value at end of Year.	Depre- ciation allowed during Year.	Value at end of Year.	Depre- ciation allowed during Year.
	£	£	£	£
1946	60,264,953	719,383	58,537,394	4,156,927
1947	62,752,468	748,102	59,124,802	4,634,218
1948	66,229,391	659,998	65,829,201	5,213,588
1949	73,383,784	734,956	76,079,598	6,764,235
1950	84,123,894	812,456	92,748,475	7,946,598

Accidents in factories. In the appended table the number of accidents in factories is given for the past ten years. The particulars in the table relate to establishments which came within the scope of the Factories Acts in force in the years specified.

VICTORIA—ACCIDENTS IN FACTORIES.

Year.					Number of Employees.	Number of Accidents.	Percentage of Accidents to Number of Employees.
1941	..	..	..	..	224,347	5,592	2·493
1942	..	..	..	..	215,456	6,347	2·946
1943	..	..	..	..	227,407	7,828	3·442
1944	..	..	..	..	229,397	7,235	3·154
1945	..	..	..	..	231,984	6,116	2·636
1946	..	..	..	..	241,705	6,387	2·642
1947	..	..	..	..	256,867	7,104	2·766
1948	..	..	..	..	275,365	6,659	2·416
1949	..	..	..	..	292,667	5,956	2·035
1950	..	..	..	..	305,066	6,418	2·104

Manufactures—Penal Department and Blind Institute. The foregoing tables do not include particulars relating to work of various kinds done at the Pentridge Penal Establishment and at the Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind. At the former establishment the manufacture and process treatment in relation to the following industries is carried on:—Wire netting, textile, tailoring, clothing, footwear, brushware, coir-matting, wood and metal working, knitting, printing, bookbinding, and photography. The estimated value of the output during 1950 was £62,000 and, of the materials used, £35,000. The articles produced are used principally by Government Departments. The work carried on by the latter establishment is the manufacture of brushware, brooms, basketware, mats, and matting, and gives employment to 119 persons (108 males and 11 females). The value of the articles produced for the twelve months ending 30th June, 1950, was £82,003.

Factory Statistics by Municipalities. Although approximately 70 per cent. of the factories in Victoria are located within the Metropolitan area, some of the municipalities outside Greater Melbourne also have important manufacturing industries.

The following table gives factory statistics for the Metropolitan and for the more important extra-metropolitan municipalities for the year 1949-50,

VICTORIA—FACTORY STATISTICS BY MUNICIPALITIES, 1949-50.

Municipality.	Number of Factories.	Persons Employed.		Salaries and Wages Paid.	Value of Land and Buildings.	Value of Plant and Machinery.	Value of Materials Used (including Containers).	Value of Articles Produced or Work Done.
		Males.	Females.					
		No.	No.	£	£	£	£	£
Melbourne	2,649	36,605	22,636	24,748,499	16,097,351	12,092,640	49,286,559	93,015,826
Brunswick	553	7,835	5,322	5,214,695	2,966,551	2,531,725	9,710,113	19,367,005
Essendon	220	3,743	729	2,009,316	955,841	737,140	2,677,678	5,618,343
Coburg	178	2,505	1,446	1,553,706	782,387	728,550	3,683,613	6,575,938
Preston	230	3,374	969	1,857,083	1,198,669	667,569	3,558,040	6,610,699
Northcote	205	1,903	805	1,047,241	564,608	432,690	1,343,637	3,272,371
Fitzroy	458	7,410	4,358	4,800,821	2,515,051	2,589,668	9,258,478	18,014,105
Collingwood	533	12,528	7,486	8,472,993	3,704,510	3,245,637	17,473,854	31,675,520
Kew	62	214	123	100,717	137,622	40,971	201,227	420,928
Camberwell	194	1,283	983	775,677	551,782	400,474	1,350,369	2,859,645
Hawthorn	232	2,035	1,295	1,294,576	922,610	607,016	2,091,169	4,546,681
Richmond	444	12,516	5,481	7,956,840	4,566,414	3,696,964	14,268,527	28,738,659
Prahran	478	4,349	2,996	2,861,399	1,852,901	1,041,629	6,760,972	11,849,122
Malvern	214	1,740	722	927,362	715,382	464,979	1,592,912	3,255,955
Caulfield	272	1,327	733	693,809	584,899	337,387	1,326,031	2,618,617
Oakleigh	110	1,525	413	820,814	691,664	581,681	1,379,908	2,860,358
Sandringham	77	601	349	331,099	245,154	128,079	679,091	1,385,310
Brighton	127	1,299	559	749,280	509,567	504,547	2,199,871	3,629,751
St. Kilda	206	1,183	656	651,864	574,127	278,708	1,091,891	2,401,486
South Melbourne	543	16,660	4,037	9,751,827	5,252,459	4,039,368	20,220,265	38,611,548
Port Melbourne	132	12,914	1,939	7,916,232	3,786,371	4,198,211	11,167,434	25,116,454
Footscray	301	13,071	3,400	8,037,716	5,591,112	8,303,266	25,560,967	40,429,180
Williamstown	126	8,748	858	4,715,767	3,747,933	7,822,909	7,852,739	18,561,040
Braybrook	122	8,796	1,579	5,272,103	5,402,028	6,374,355	10,101,668	19,584,444
Heidelberg	119	1,533	516	879,460	899,951	753,413	2,560,951	4,701,338
Box Hill	70	745	316	426,937	427,940	700,687	691,735	1,393,342
Moorabbin	118	1,778	970	1,105,367	952,587	1,256,257	2,989,757	4,998,361
Mordialloc	62	756	382	433,512	192,410	205,024	1,069,360	1,785,132
Chelsea	26	216	124	124,694	64,653	28,560	271,032	489,487
Nunawading	53	716	181	375,495	351,966	221,500	435,473	1,178,523
Ringwood	25	205	211	137,333	142,963	90,763	520,194	733,060
Other Municipalities	34	411	76	220,032	218,657	190,468	481,918	889,290
Total Metropolitan	9,173	170,524	72,650	106,264,266	67,168,120	65,292,835	213,857,433	407,187,518

Factories, Fisheries, Mines, &c.

VICTORIA—FACTORY STATISTICS BY MUNICIPALITIES, 1949-50—continued.

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Municipality.	Number of Factories.	Persons Employed.		Salaries and Wages Paid.	Value of Land and Buildings.	Value of Plant and Machinery.	Value of Materials Used (Including Containers).	Value of Articles Produced or Work Done.
		Males.	Females.					
		No.	No.	£	£	£	£	£
Werribee	37	407	118	217,170	330,058	927,405	1,980,741	3,299,221
Dandenong	94	1,551	531	872,145	715,731	733,740	2,166,896	3,799,286
Bacchus Marsh	17	222	63	157,927	62,783	82,994	803,624	1,155,518
*Geelong	299	8,895	2,702	5,162,976	2,972,600	3,259,831	11,520,109	21,130,975
Korumburra	28	273	100	132,405	103,526	117,854	1,123,235	1,324,286
Alexandra	26	234	36	125,300	199,121	814,699	258,649	704,144
Kyneton	42	295	135	140,284	80,208	60,632	332,836	577,030
Castlemaine	40	902	259	461,026	168,813	267,765	703,500	1,354,686
Maryborough	45	869	370	474,870	137,102	216,293	929,030	1,664,155
†Ballarat (including Sebastopol)	266	4,241	1,688	2,229,651	1,088,297	854,984	3,977,421	7,987,984
†Colac	83	743	237	364,553	222,429	207,614	1,389,911	2,132,339
Hampden	56	480	127	239,821	149,815	142,240	1,312,719	1,874,260
†Warrnambool	83	1,478	522	807,480	589,839	646,781	3,236,039	4,827,219
†Ararat	47	441	217	229,008	166,111	235,198	508,700	745,716
Hamilton	56	424	48	177,735	149,496	136,765	381,254	714,003
†Portland	59	628	55	278,039	165,220	296,470	862,143	1,541,776
Horsham	54	378	139	168,163	172,514	128,206	443,585	717,946
†Stawell	50	511	169	240,327	131,886	130,320	775,322	1,291,650
†Mildura	110	1,222	372	585,435	349,495	503,941	781,605	1,813,251
†Swan Hill	61	427	149	193,846	161,399	185,880	457,322	821,506
Cohuna	17	134	9	64,175	48,046	77,652	507,033	664,173
Bendigo (including Eaglehawk)	169	2,253	968	1,254,491	1,289,302	2,444,830	3,275,347	5,524,116
Strathfieldsaye	6	715	47	340,841	247,017	91,434	1,005,787	1,551,763
Echuca	36	227	64	97,470	69,663	51,206	433,410	623,618
Rodney	50	512	440	352,228	412,489	442,284	1,900,909	2,815,476
†Shepparton	83	886	278	486,336	516,748	514,956	1,862,443	2,752,258
Benalla	48	307	212	161,563	103,589	73,588	617,209	869,678
†Wangaratta	66	811	299	435,423	247,717	680,580	1,797,084	2,626,886
Bairnsdale	52	299	106	142,604	124,524	98,846	396,070	647,970
Sale	39	322	142	162,637	88,858	121,065	547,170	880,496
Maffra	18	618	129	378,319	165,154	409,907	2,696,352	3,452,716
Woorayl	21	155	42	76,393	85,810	88,764	1,001,966	1,157,900
Morwell	34	2,255	317	1,474,741	1,634,721	6,152,777	1,979,195	6,915,793
Narracan	59	492	99	232,830	119,248	201,723	937,572	1,370,848
Warragul	36	331	186	185,210	116,964	103,278	867,638	1,221,813
Buln Buln	27	398	44	210,647	129,265	177,190	1,053,335	1,528,923
Other Municipalities	2,314	35,336	11,419	4,676,359	3,440,216	6,775,948	15,516,425	25,197,384
Total Country	4,058	45,674	14,628	23,990,428	16,955,774	27,455,640	70,339,586	119,278,762
Total State	13,231	216,198	87,278	130,254,694	84,123,894	92,748,475	284,197,019	526,466,280

* Includes Corio, Geelong West, and Newtown and Chilwell.

† Includes Shire of same name.

Included in the item "Other Municipalities" in the foregoing table were *inter alia*:—Fern Tree Gully, 47 factories, £587,119, value of output, Lillydale, 62, £484,191; Frankston and Hastings, 51, £863,850; Berwick, 42, £314,944; Upper Yarra, 35, £735,727; Healesville, 37, £608,465; Daylesford, 18, £527,075; Otway 35, £265,060; Heytesbury, 21, £588,172; Glenelg, 30, £366,633; Dunmunkle, 28, £596,084; Warracknabeal, 31, £535,613; Dimboola, 38, £290,497; Kerang, 43, £657,572; Marong, 5, £654,401; Bright, 27, £953,655; Rutherglen, 37, £287,376; Wodonga, 24, £501,471; Orbost, 37, £522,500; Traralgon, 40 £460,985; Alberton, 18, £563,547; South Gippsland, 24, £529,721.

VALUE OF VICTORIAN PRODUCTION.

The value of production as estimated hereunder is based to a large extent on returns received annually from individual producers throughout the State. As a measure of total production it is incomplete, as it does not include the building and construction industry, it omits factories employing less than four hands (unless power-driven machinery is used) and excludes agriculturists with holdings of less than 1 acre.

Gross value is defined as the value placed on recorded production at the wholesale price realized in the principal markets. In cases where primary products are absorbed locally, or where they become raw material for secondary industry, these points are presumed to be the principal markets. Care is taken to prevent as far as possible all overlapping or double counting. The primary value of dairy production, in accordance with the above definition, is the price paid at the factory for milk or cream sold by the farmer; the value added by the process of manufacture into butter, &c., is included in manufacturing production.

VICTORIA—GROSS VALUE OF PRODUCTION.

Division of Industry.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	£	£	£	£	£
Agriculture	33,156,746	41,055,961	61,250,238	50,432,196	64,980,247
Pastoral	20,753,083	32,426,683	47,144,410	58,522,344	83,453,029
Dairying	18,866,694†	21,525,932†	23,547,860†	26,844,959†	32,962,296†
Poultry and Bees ..	7,506,706	7,617,341	8,754,807	11,105,714	11,074,614
Trapping	3,271,866	3,175,171	3,626,472	4,029,562	3,341,808
Forestry	3,127,887	3,840,530	4,523,451	5,284,460	6,158,720
Fisheries	548,081	624,094	525,873	606,225	727,470
Mining	2,506,043	3,026,554	3,341,233	3,830,397	4,683,951
Manufacturing* ..	122,406,082	131,496,150	158,501,020	182,760,376	219,244,607
Total	212,143,188	244,788,416	311,215,364	343,416,233	427,226,742

* Manufacturing is included at its net or added value because the gross or wholesale selling value contains so much duplication of products, the finished article of one class of manufacture forming in numerous cases the raw material for others.

† Includes Subsidy—1945-46, £3,147,000; 1946-47, £2,867,670; 1947-48, £3,423,346; 1948-49, £2,118,602; 1949-50, £3,104,316.

The ultimate aim of the valuation of production is to arrive at the sum available for distribution among those concerned in each class of industry, i.e.—

- (a) Workers in all grades of the industry.
- (b) Proprietors (including landlords) of any of the instruments of production concerned.
- (c) Providers of capital, including debenture holders and mortgagees.

It is, therefore, necessary to deduct from the gross values of realization all costs of marketing and production, the former including freight, cartage, brokerage, commission, insurance, and containers, and the latter such items as stock feed, seed costs, manures, spraying, animal dips, fuel, power, water, all other materials consumed in the process of production, and depreciation. Complete details of these costs are not yet available for the forestry and fishing industries in Victoria, but the following table gives the value of production in detail after deduction of marketing costs, and may be considered to represent with a fair degree of accuracy the value of Victorian production at the place of production.

VICTORIA—VALUE AT THE PLACE OF PRODUCTION.

Produce.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947	1948.	1949.	1950.
	£	£	£	£	£
Agriculture	29,315,445	36,438,799	55,375,993	45,164,048	58,335,456
Barley	408,369	695,393	2,252,029	1,095,624	2,091,294
Maize	112,558	129,029	140,128	121,768	107,574
Oats	1,129,836	1,239,044	4,704,161	1,255,072	2,137,070
Wheat	8,621,711	17,581,748	29,910,971	23,349,112	30,550,598
Onions	585,789	396,417	746,422	429,832	480,690
Potatoes	2,377,434	2,210,471	1,969,229	2,536,450	2,849,153
Hay and Straw	5,704,774	3,875,362	5,178,371	5,579,709	6,686,555
Fruit—					
Orchards	2,550,527	2,667,005	2,741,361	2,788,965	3,592,804
Vineyards	2,751,473	2,742,418	3,562,365	3,104,972	4,053,016
Other Crops	5,072,974	4,901,912	4,170,956	4,902,544	5,786,702
Pastoral	19,348,301	29,990,974	42,989,486	54,060,585	78,065,255
Wool	8,955,354	17,336,538	27,082,608	34,197,832	51,887,118
Sheep, slaughtered	4,736,249	5,958,346	6,862,317	7,726,358	11,133,573
Cattle, slaughtered	5,656,698	6,696,090	9,044,561	12,136,395	15,044,564
Horses .. ..	..	..	..	..	..
Dairying	18,232,630*	20,676,900*	22,671,396*	25,686,607*	31,551,625*
Cream for butter	7,203,179	9,098,464	9,897,433	12,026,065	13,694,623
Milk for cheese	1,306,779	1,448,104	1,500,920	2,048,227	2,549,104
Milk for condensing, con- centrating, &c.	1,563,341	1,769,089	2,017,810	3,118,468	3,189,136
Whole milk consumed	3,006,575	3,297,225	3,339,990	3,567,523	6,046,902
Pigs	2,005,756	2,196,348	2,491,897	2,807,722	2,967,544

* Inclusive of Subsidy—1945-46, £3,147,000; 1946-47, £2,867,670; 1947-48, £3,423,346; 1948-49, £2,118,602; 1949-50 £3,104,316.

VALUE AT THE PLACE OF PRODUCTION—continued.

Produce.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	£	£	£	£	£
Poultry and Bees	6,936,341	7,029,677	8,085,634	10,256,968	10,785,689
Eggs	5,208,664	5,285,687	5,992,999	7,720,672	7,883,904
Poultry	1,612,496	1,488,245	1,896,567	2,289,280	2,665,505
Honey and beeswax ..	115,181	255,745	196,068	247,016	236,280
Trapping, &c.	3,174,158	3,036,896	3,434,725	3,776,262	3,122,458
Rabbits and hares ..	279,220	657,116	1,425,515	2,394,801	2,297,200
Rabbit and hare skins, &c.	2,894,938	2,379,780	2,009,210	1,381,461	825,168
Forestry	2,826,229	3,450,103	4,023,451	4,743,217	5,569,629
Sawmills	1,675,443	1,947,902	2,113,451	2,655,662	3,269,957
Firewood	1,118,180	1,437,924	1,840,000	2,007,377	2,176,406
Bark for tanning ..	32,606	64,277	70,000	80,178	123,266
Fisheries	465,625	534,828	450,656	521,887	615,100
Fish	461,846	528,033	446,560	498,736	590,000
Crayfish	3,613	6,628	4,078	23,069	25,000
Oysters	166	167	18	82	100
Mining	2,345,366	2,814,424	3,096,868	3,450,984	4,215,142
Gold	658,850	932,643	908,153	734,100	835,316
Coal—					
Black	468,096	386,362	287,976	341,580	357,965
Brown	641,069	706,462	925,887	1,142,915	1,449,455
Other Metals and Minerals	28,337	37,400	50,014	68,562	69,072
Quarrying	549,014	751,507	924,838	1,163,827	1,503,334
Total Primary	82,644,095	103,972,601	140,128,209	147,660,558	192,260,354
Manufacturing	122,406,082	131,496,150	158,501,020	182,760,376	219,244,607
Grand Total	205,050,177	235,468,751	298,629,229	330,420,934	411,504,961

The values of production of the various classes of industry, as they appear in the previous table for the year 1949-50, are shown hereafter, together with the costs of production where available. The difference between the two figures represents the net value of production or the net return available to the producers for wages, rent, interest, and profits. As previously explained, the deductions are incomplete, and depreciation (see next page) has been here disregarded, but the margin of error is considered to be small in view of the comparative unimportance of the industries concerned from the point of view of production costs.

VICTORIA—NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION, 1949-50.

Industry.	Value at Place of Production.	Cost of Production.*	Net Value.	Net Value per Head of Population.
	£	£	£	£ s. d.
Agriculture	58,335,456	9,628,005	48,707,451	22 8 10
Pastoral	78,065,255	2,818,089	75,247,166	34 13 5
Dairying	31,551,625	4,376,574	27,175,051	12 10 5
Poultry and Bees ..	10,785,689	2,317,000	8,468,689	3 18 1
Trapping, Forestry, and Fisheries	9,307,187	†	9,307,187	4 5 9
Mining	4,215,142	1,951,520	2,263,622	1 0 10
Manufacturing	219,244,607	..	219,244,607	101 0 6
Total	411,504,961	21,091,188†	390,413,773	179 17 10

* Costs of production include stock feed, seed costs and pickling, manures, spraying, sheep and cattle dips, power, fuel, water, and all other materials used in production.

† Incomplete.

Employment in factories. Every factory in Victoria submits an annual statement showing the number of persons employed on the 15th day of each month, and from these data an index of employment was constructed.

Since June, 1948, the tabulation of monthly employment has been temporarily suspended. Figures shown from that date onward, are estimates based on the monthly pay-roll tax returns rendered by factories. It is considered that such returns cover 90 per cent. of total factory employment in Victoria.

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT.

(Base—July, 1933, 136,793 = 1,000.)

Month.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49.	1949-50.	1950-51.	1951-52.
July ..	1,832	1,805	1,887	1,930	1,984	2,018	2,094	2,160
August ..	1,829	1,803	1,898	1,940	1,989	2,021	2,096	2,158
September ..	1,825	1,771	1,911	1,943	1,992	2,027	2,099	2,161
October ..	1,827	1,749	1,913	1,954	1,996	2,038	2,070	2,175
November ..	1,826	1,747	1,865	1,954	2,005	2,053	2,092	2,173
December ..	1,826	1,747	1,811	1,956	2,005	2,049	2,126	2,156
January ..	1,813	1,752	1,812	1,944	2,004	2,055	2,129	2,153
February ..	1,830	1,797	1,861	1,968	2,019	2,069	2,146	2,137
March ..	1,838	1,826	1,858	1,977	2,037	2,090	2,148	2,133
April ..	1,825	1,847	1,854	1,987	2,027	2,086	2,159	2,097
May ..	1,812	1,860	1,893	1,984	2,032	2,090	2,159	2,077
June ..	1,808	1,864	1,907	1,987	2,026	2,094	2,160	2,054

**Employment
in Retail
Trade.**

In peace-time the volume of employment in retail trade is a valuable indicator of economic conditions. A sample collection of 102 large Victorian retail stores was made by the Government Statist from July, 1933, to December, 1941. This collection was then discontinued because of institution of the pay-roll tax. Figures collected in conjunction with this tax cover all retail establishments whose pay-roll is more than £20 per week.

The following table shows a monthly index of total employment in retail establishments based mainly on the latter source:—

VICTORIA—INDEX OF RETAIL EMPLOYMENT.

(Base July, 1941, 58,500 = 1,000.)

Month.	1941-42.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49.	1949-50.	1950-51.	1951-52.
July ..	1,000	987	1,052	1,107	1,130	1,146	1,191
August ..	987	994	1,050	1,100	1,125	1,148	1,187
September ..	993	1,004	1,058	1,104	1,132	1,150	1,183
October ..	996	1,014	1,070	1,106	1,130	1,158	1,175
November ..	1,004	1,053	1,096	1,137	1,154	1,191	1,199
December ..	1,038	1,069	1,120	1,169	1,167	1,206	1,210
January ..	964	1,046	1,083	1,125	1,139	1,182	1,179
February ..	954	1,048	1,090	1,123	1,142	1,181	1,163
March ..	949	1,045	1,093	1,125	1,144	1,182	1,158
April ..	935	1,050	1,097	1,127	1,148	1,187	1,144
May ..	907	1,044	1,099	1,128	1,148	1,192	1,141
June ..	895	1,048	1,103	1,132	1,150	1,190	1,140

BUILDING STATISTICS.

Building statistics collected by the Government Statist and published in the *Year-Books* from 1928-29 to 1947-48 inclusive, were of value in showing the trend of building activities in the State; but, due to acknowledged difficulties in getting complete information, they could not be regarded as an absolute measure of work done.

That particular collection has now been discontinued, and the tables which follow, comprise certain particulars of the building industry in Victoria, collected and compiled by the Commonwealth Statistician.

The figures shown relate to the operations of private contractors, Government authorities and "owner-builders." They exclude the value of land and refer only to new buildings—alterations, additions, renovations, &c., are excluded. The operations of "owner-builders" are included except when they relate to buildings in areas where building permits are not required, nor are they included in the tables relating to employment.

An "owner-builder" is one who is actually building his own house or is having it built under his own direction without the services of a contractor.

VICTORIA—(a) NUMBER OF NEW BUILDINGS AND (b) VALUE
(WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS.

(Including owner-built houses.)

Period.	New Houses, Flats, Shop Dwellings.			Other New Buildings.*		
	Com- menced During Period.	Com- pleted During Period.	Under Con- struction at End of Period.	Com- menced During Period.	Com- pleted During Period.	Under Con- struction at End of Period.

(a) Number of New Buildings.

Year ended—	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
30th June, 1947 ..	13,382	7,560	12,056	1,442	1,341	401
" " 1948 ..	15,387	12,080	15,362	1,927	1,728	600
" " 1949 ..	16,170	14,764	16,763	2,352	2,167	735
" " 1950 ..	21,579	16,042	22,300	2,684	2,293	1,126
" " 1951 ..	27,030	21,582	27,748	4,114	2,662	2,578

(b) Value (when completed) of Buildings mentioned above.

Year ended—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
30th June, 1947 ..	17,577	9,515	16,271	2,845	1,552	3,062
" " 1948 ..	22,534	16,372	22,911	4,307	1,519	6,662
" " 1949 ..	27,808	23,357	29,765	8,517	4,000	11,842
" " 1950 ..	39,238	30,044	42,526	7,259	4,629	13,203
" " 1951 ..	58,432	45,313	61,139	14,880	6,487	22,363

* Includes Shops without dwelling, Hotels, Boarding-houses, Factories, etc.

VICTORIA—(a) NUMBER OF NEW BUILDINGS AND (b) VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING PERIODS MENTIONED AND CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO KIND.

(Including owner-built houses.)

Period.	Houses.			Flats (Units).	Shops with Dwelling.	All Other than Private Dwellings.
	Brick, Veneer, Concrete, &c.	Wood.	Other (including Fibro- Cement).			

(a) Number of New Buildings.

Year ended—	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
30th June, 1947 ..	4,060	2,532	844	86	38	1,341
" " 1948 ..	6,510	3,893	1,443	167	67	1,728
" " 1949 ..	7,118	5,591	1,569	368	118	2,167
" " 1950 ..	6,408	7,699	1,496	246	193	2,293
" " 1951 ..	6,661	12,567	1,797	333	224	2,662

(b) Value (when completed) of Buildings mentioned above.

Year ended—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
30th June, 1947 ..	5,879	2,709	772	99	56	1,552
" " 1948 ..	10,047	4,545	1,457	200	123	1,519
" " 1949 ..	12,952	7,763	1,827	528	287	4,000
" " 1950 ..	13,854	12,937	2,052	663	538	4,629
" " 1951 ..	16,438	24,739	2,763	684	689	6,487

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES ACCORDING TO LOCATION (METROPOLITAN OR OTHER).

(Including owner-built houses but excluding flats, shops with dwellings, converted military huts, &c.)

Period.	Commenced During Period.		Completed During Period.		Under Construction at End of Period.	
	Metro- politan.	Other.	Metro- politan.	Other.	Metro- politan.	Other.
Year ended—	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
30th June, 1947 ..	7,711	5,270	4,246	3,190	7,712	3,968
" " 1948 ..	8,658	6,220	6,884	4,962	9,486	5,226
" " 1949 ..	9,106	6,381	8,237	6,041	10,355	5,566
" " 1950 ..	11,292	9,743	9,148	6,455	12,463	8,890
" " 1951 ..	13,091	13,114	11,040	9,985	14,154	12,019

In the above table metropolitan comprises Melbourne and suburbs within boundaries defined for statistical purposes.

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES ENGAGED ON JOBS CARRIED OUT BY BUILDERS OF NEW BUILDINGS.

(Excluding persons working on houses being built by owner-builders.)

Particulars.	As at 30th June—				
	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.	1951.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Contractors (a) ..	3,094	3,470	3,291	3,317	3,495
Sub-contractors (a) ..	2,931	3,221	3,493	3,614	4,394
Wage Earners ..	16,086	20,037	21,658	24,753	26,531
Total ..	22,111	26,728	28,442	31,684	34,420

(a) Actually working on jobs.

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF TRADESMEN ENGAGED ON JOBS CARRIED OUT BY BUILDERS OF NEW BUILDINGS.

(Including contractor and sub-contractor principals, but excluding persons working on houses being built by owner-builders.)

Tradesmen.	As at 30th June—				
	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.	1951.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Carpenters	8,907	11,156	12,160	13,703	15,196
Bricklayers	2,351	2,623	2,550	2,501	2,521
Painters	1,962	2,231	2,574	3,078	3,241
Electricians	921	1,070	1,392	1,222	1,350
Plumbers	1,693	1,945	2,211	2,264	2,473
Builders' Labourers ..	3,064	3,782	4,131	5,165	5,512
Other	3,213	3,921	3,424	3,751	4,127
Total ..	22,111	26,728	28,442	31,684	34,420

PART XI.

SOCIAL CONDITION.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE.

The University of Melbourne was incorporated and endowed by an Act of the Governor and the Legislative Council of Victoria, the Royal assent having been given on 22nd January, 1853. The University consists of and is governed by a Council of 32 members and a Convocation consisting of all graduates. The University buildings, together with those of the affiliated residential colleges, are situated on 106 acres of land in the southern part of Carlton.

Payment to the University of an annual endowment of £45,000 from 1st July, 1923, was provided for in the *University Act* 1923. In addition, a supplementary grant of £309,700 was received for the year 1949-50. Other annual statutory grants and grants for special purposes are £9,500 for a School of Agriculture, £16,000 for a Veterinary School, £3,200 for a Chair of Obstetrics, £2,100 for Research, £5,000 for the Conservatorium of Music, £1,000 for University Extension work, £15,000 for the Public Health Laboratory and £1,500 for the teaching of nutrition, bringing the total Government grant to £408,000. In addition to grants from the Government, the Council derives income from fees paid by students for lectures, examinations, certificates, and diplomas. Further income is derived from endowments of various kinds.

The University maintains Chairs, either out of general revenue or from endowments, as follows: Agriculture, Anatomy, Architecture (The *Age* Professor) Bacteriology, Bio-chemistry, Botany and Plant Physiology, Chemistry, Civil Engineering, Classical Philology, Commerce (Sidney Myer Professor) Dental Science, Dental Prosthesis, Conservative Dental Surgery, Economics (Truby Williams Professor), Economic History, Education, Electrical Engineering, English Language and Literature, Fine Arts, (The *Herald* Professor), French, Geology and Mineralogy, History, Jurisprudence, Mathematics Pure and Applied, Mechanical Engineering, Metallurgy, Music (The Ormond Professor), Obstetrics, Pathology, Philosophy, Physics (Chamber of Manufactures Professor), Physiology, Political Science, Psychology, Public Law, Semitic Studies (L. and A. Sicree Professor), Zoology. Research Chairs have been established in Economics (The Ritchie Professor), Experimental Medicine, and Metallurgy.

In addition, other departments, under the charge of an Associate-Professor, senior lecturer-in-charge or other officer are Forestry, General Science, Germanic Languages, Languages (Science Courses), Medicine, Meteorology, Mining, Physical Education, Russian, Social Studies, Statistics, Surgery, Surveying and Veterinary Science.

The annual fees payable by any student to the University in any year do not, in general, exceed £50. There are schemes in operation for financial assistance to students, based partly on academic merit and partly on a means test, by both State and Federal Governments, the latter including also the Commonwealth Reconstruction Training Scheme for ex-servicemen. In 1950, 1,762 students received State Government Financial Assistance, and 367 Commonwealth Financial Assistance, exclusive of ex-service students receiving allowances under the C.R.T.S. In addition, the University makes loans in approved cases out of a Students' Loan Fund, established in 1923.

Fees include a small Union fee, payable by all students, who are thereby entitled to share in the corporate and social activities centred round the University Union. The student body, through its Students' Representative Council, has a large measure of self-government in all matters concerning the University Union. There is, in addition, a voluntary organization of University graduates known as the Graduates' Section, Melbourne University Union.

Scholarships, exhibitions, and prizes are provided in all the principal subjects, the cost being defrayed partly out of University funds and partly by private bequests. Investments (the result of private benefactions) amounted to £1,386,444 at 31st December, 1950. The total amount received by way of private benefaction in 1950 was £43,375.

Public Examinations. The University, through a Schools' Board (on which the Education Department, the registered secondary schools, the University teaching staff, and the business community are represented), conducts examinations each year for the School Intermediate and the School Leaving Certificates. The appended tables give the results of the examinations for the years 1948, 1949, and 1950, when the total entrants (December and February examinations) numbered 15,638, 15,426 and 15,522 respectively.

VICTORIA—PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS 1948 TO 1950.

Examination.	Number who Attempted to Pass Fully.	Number who Passed Fully (Including Supplementary Examinations).	
		Total.	Percentage.
School Intermediate—			%
1948	8,320	5,166	62·09
1949	8,375	5,354	63·93
1950	8,608	5,572	64·73
School Leaving—			
1948	5,015	3,237	64·55
1949	4,763	3,205	67·29
1950	4,999	3,353	67·07

NOTE.—Examinations are held in December of each year and Supplementary Examinations for School Leaving in February of the succeeding year.

Of the number who passed fully, 3,025 in 1948, 3,341 in 1949, and 3,491 in 1950, satisfied the requirements of the School Intermediate examination by submitting a Headmaster's certificate from an approved school. Corresponding figures for the School Leaving examination were 1,327, 1,331 and 1,476 respectively.

For many years prior to 1944, the University's matriculation qualification had been gained by the passing of the School Leaving Examination in a prescribed manner. Then, a new Matriculation Examination, to which the obtaining of the School Leaving Certificate is pre-requisite, was introduced, and the matriculation qualification is now gained primarily at this Examination. Statistics of the Matriculation Examinations 1948, 1949, and 1950, are as follows:—

Candidates.	1948.	1949.	1950.
Total Entries	3,833	3,553	3,703
Number who attempted to pass fully	2,043	2,041	2,278
Number who passed fully	1,249	1,181	1,346
Percentage who passed fully ..	61·14	57·86	59·09

Candidates for degrees must matriculate as prescribed by the regulations before being admitted as undergraduates. The number of undergraduates admitted during each of the three years 1948-50 was as follows:—1948, 1,507; 1949, 1,388, and 1950, 1,460. The number of degrees taken during those years was 916, 1,313, and 1,356, respectively. Of the total of 22,086 degrees granted since the establishment of the University, 4,740 have been conferred on women.

The following table shows the number of full-time, part-time, and external students who attended the University during the period 1948-50:—

MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY—ENROLMENTS FOR 1948-50.

Year.	Full Course.	Part Course.	External.	Total.
1948	5,677	3,152	707	9,536
1949	5,212	3,285	731	9,228
1950	5,212	3,000	791	9,003

NOTE.—The number of women students included above is 2,038 in 1948, 1,970 in 1949, and 1,971 in 1950.

Enrolments by Faculties for the same three years are as follows :—

**MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY—ENROLMENTS BY FACULTIES
FOR 1948-50.**

Faculty.	1948.	1949.	1950.
Agriculture	143	154	136
Architecture	156	197	195
Arts	2,047	1,939	1,947
Commerce	1,405	1,171	994
Dental Science	316	313	324
Education	299	377	445
Engineering	635	632	640
Journalism	34	83	40
Law	619	636	597
Medicine	1,061	1,067	1,085
Music	284	275	249
Physical Education	49	51	59
Public Administration	108	64	62
Research (post graduate)	175	197	260
Science	1,126	1,023	895
Social Studies	74	75	78
Veterinary Science	19	21	17
Total	8,550	8,275	8,023

NOTE.—Totals for 1948, 1949, and 1950 do not include certain categories of miscellaneous students taking single subjects and not classifiable by the Faculty of enrolment. Of these there were 986 in 1948, 953 in 1949, and 980 in 1950.

**University
Finance.**

A statement of receipts and payments for the year ended
31st December, 1950, is given below :—

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS OF THE MELBOURNE
UNIVERSITY, 1950.**

GENERAL RECEIPTS.

	£
State Government Grants—	
General	308,697
Other—except for buildings	125,960
Commonwealth Government Grants and Re-imbursements—	
General	128,790*
Other—except for buildings	63,215
Students' Fees—	
Lectures	157,258
Other	70,249
Public, Public Music Examination and Certificate Fees	32,723
Bequests and Donations—other than for Capital purposes	20,136
Interest, Dividends and Rent	62,808
Other Receipts	33,000
Total General Receipts	1,002,836

GENERAL EXPENDITURE.

	£
Salaries and Provident Fund	687,537
Apparatus and Laboratory Materials	75,391
Books and Periodicals	19,180
Examiners' Fees	18,341
Exhibitions and Scholarships	6,643
Furniture and Fittings	8,958
Pay-Roll Tax	17,037
Payments of Students' Fees to Allied Institutions	39,969
Printing and Stationery	25,210
Repairs and Alterations	46,440
Service Charges—Electricity, Gas, Fuel, Water, Telephones	16,220
Other	71,218
Total General Expenditure	1,032,144

SPECIAL RECEIPTS.

	£
Donations and Bequests—for buildings or as endowments	23,239
Commonwealth Government Re-imbursement for Buildings	
State Government Grant—for buildings	22,000
Total Special Receipts	45,239

SPECIAL EXPENDITURE.

	£
Buildings	48,536
Total Special Expenditure	48,536

* The amount shown against the Commonwealth Government General Grant is the actual amount received during the year. The amount which was allotted in respect of that year was £146,213.

There are four residential colleges for men affiliated with the University. Trinity, Ormond, Queen's, and Newman Colleges were established by the Church of England, the Presbyterian, the Methodist, and Roman Catholic Churches respectively. Janet Clarke Hall and St. Mary's Hall are colleges established for women students and attached to Trinity College and Newman College respectively. The University Women's College (not a Church foundation) was affiliated during 1937. Information relating to the foundation and progress of the colleges is given in previous issues of the *Year-Book*.

In 1906, the Australian College of Dentistry was formally affiliated with the University, which obtained certain rights of supervision and control and, in return, undertook to recognize the professional teaching of the College in connection with the Degree of Bachelor of Dental Science. Particulars relating to the establishment of this College were published in the *Year-Book* for 1916-17, pages 516 and 517.

With the exception of a small amount from endowments
University Library. Library expenditure is met from University general funds. The total annual expenditure is £30,000 (books, periodicals and binding £16,500 and the balance in salaries and services). The Library acquires, mainly by purchase, 2,500 periodicals, and adds to its shelves about 6,000 bound volumes per annum. Total book stocks are 166,000 volumes.

The Canberra University College was established under
Canberra University College. an Ordinance of the Australian Capital Territory in 1929. While its administration is quite separate from that of the University, a temporary arrangement exists whereby students of the College may in certain Faculties become external students of the University, take University examinations, and proceed to Melbourne degrees. Teaching appointments in the College are required to be approved by the University.

The University's responsibility for adult education has
University Extension. diminished with the formation of the Council of Adult Education, and continues as such only in the activities of an Extension Committee. The University does provide, however, for the matriculation, under special conditions, of adult persons over the age of 23 years who have shown aptitude for higher education as determined by psychological tests.

During 1946, an extensive survey was undertaken of
Mildura Branch. country centres with a view to providing teaching and laboratory accommodation in certain science subjects for the growing number of discharged servicemen wishing to begin or continue degree courses in Architecture, Engineering, Dental Science and Medicine. The site of the Royal Australian Air Force station at Mildura was chosen, and preparations were made for the accommodation of all students in the first year of each of the fore-mentioned courses at this Branch in 1947. After the immediate post-war flow of new enrolments had subsided, numbers at Mildura fell from 529 in 1947 to 328 in 1949. Because the number of students enrolled in the first year of the courses concerned in 1950 fell sufficiently to enable the students to be accommodated in Melbourne, the Mildura Branch was closed at the end of 1949. During the three years of its existence, the branch had a total enrolment of 1,318 students, of whom 119 were women students.

The total number of students attending the University,
Rehabilitation of Ex-Servicemen. who were assisted, either as full-time or part-time students, under the Commonwealth Reconstruction Training Scheme was 2,296 in 1950. Special facilities such as refresher courses, additional tutorials and supplementary examinations under certain conditions, are available to ex-service students who require them. In addition, many temporary post-war lecturers, tutors, and demonstrators, whose salaries are met in part by a special Commonwealth grant, have been engaged to cope with the increased numbers. Additional buildings, mostly of a temporary character, have been

erected to provide additional student accommodation. The Commonwealth, by annual subsidy, assists the University in the additional cost involved by the presence of large numbers of C.R.T.S. students.

VICTORIAN COLLEGE OF PHARMACY.

The Victorian College of Pharmacy, formerly known as the Melbourne College of Pharmacy, was established in 1880. It provides instruction in the subjects of the Apprenticeship Course of Studies set out in the Pharmacy Regulations, under Part III. of the Medical Act. The College is under the control of the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Victoria and is recognized by the Pharmacy Board of Victoria as a School of Pharmacy providing instruction in accordance with Part III. of the Medical Act for persons seeking to qualify as pharmaceutical chemists. It is the only institution providing such a course.

Information in regard to enrolment of students and subjects of the Pharmacy Course included in the curriculum was published in the *Year-Book* 1942-43, page 226.

Until 1921, an annual grant was made by the State Government for the purpose of carrying on the work of the College. Since then the institution has been self-supporting, revenue being from students' fees, examination fees, &c. Substantial amounts have been voluntarily contributed by members of the Pharmaceutical Society from time to time for the purpose of additions and alterations to the College building.

The numbers of students attending the College from 1946 to 1950 are shown hereunder:—

Course.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
Pharmacy	421	497	502	471	506
Medical	145	155	170	186	155
Post Graduate (Pharmacy) ..	15	14	17	19	20
Total ..	581	666	689	676	681

Principal items of receipts and expenditure from 1946 to 1950 were:—

RECEIPTS.

	Year Ended 31st December—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	£	£	£	£	£
Lecture Fees	9,990	11,756	12,196	12,932	17,337
Examination Fees	331	357	464	510	716

PAYMENTS.

	Year Ended 31st December—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	£	£	£	£	£
Salaries and fees to lecturers ..	4,184	4,610	4,752	4,957	6,854
Drugs and Chemicals ..	708	874	859	1,139	1,559
Administration and other Ex- penses	4,130	4,367	7,438	9,073	11,054

THE STATE EDUCATION SYSTEM.

The
educational
system of
Victoria.

The present system of education came into operation on 1st January, 1873, the Act which introduced it having been passed in the previous year.

Under the *Education Act* 1872, education to all willing to accept it was made "free, compulsory and secular"—free, because fees were not to be charged; compulsory, in the sense that, whether the children attend or do not attend State Schools, evidence must be produced that they are educated up to a certain standard; and secular, for the reason that no teacher is allowed to give other than secular instruction in any State School building. Facilities are, however, afforded to persons other than State School teachers to give religious instruction, on one or two days each week, to the children of those parents who wish their children to receive such instruction. In each school four hours at least are set apart during each school day for secular instruction, two of which must be before, and two after, mid-day. In practice the actual hours of instruction in the smaller primary schools are from 9.15 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. with one hour for lunch, and in the larger primary schools from 9.15 a.m. to 4 p.m. with 1½ hours for lunch.

The *Education Act* 1910 marked a distinctive epoch in the history of education in Victoria, in that it laid the foundation of a complete national system from the infants' school to the highest educational institutions in the State.

Free
subjects.

The elementary school subjects in which instruction is free are contained in a statement published in the *Year-Book* 1943-44, page 434.

Since the beginning of 1947 instruction is free also to approved students in secondary and technical schools. In secondary schools no fees are charged to full-time students who make satisfactory progress. Where single subjects are taken, or where the student has already failed in the work for the fourth, fifth, or sixth year as the case may be, moderate fees are charged.

Secondary school subjects include—English, French, German, Latin, Italian*, Dutch*, Japanese*, Russian*, Greek and Roman History, British History, History of British Empire, History of Australasia and the Pacific, Social Studies, Musical Appreciation, Agricultural Science, Domestic Science (including Cookery), General Science, Geography, Geology, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Accounting, Mathematics, (Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Pure Mathematics, Calculus and Applied Mathematics), Art, Craftwork, Home Management, Dressmaking, Needlework, Mechanical Drawing, Commercial Principles, Commercial Practice, Shorthand and Typewriting, and Physical Education.

No tuition fees are charged for the four years Junior Technical School course which leads to the Junior Technical School Certificate (third year) and the Intermediate Technical Certificate (fourth year). In senior technical schools free tuition may be granted to full-time students who possess the prescribed qualifications for entry to approved courses and maintain satisfactory progress. Senior courses available under these conditions include Agriculture, Applied Chemistry, Applied Science, Architecture, Engineering (Aeronautical, Automotive, Civil, Communication, Electrical, Mechanical, Mining, Metallurgical, Chemical), Metallurgy, Textiles, Commercial Subjects, Cookery and Institutional Management, Needlecrafts, Dressmaking, Art and Applied Art, Building and Pre-nursing.

In accordance with the provisions of the *Education Act 1928*, parents or guardians of children of not less than six nor more than fourteen years of age are required to cause such children to attend school on every school half-day in each week, unless there is a reasonable excuse within the meaning of section 25 (3) of the Act for non-attendance. Failure to comply with these provisions renders a parent or guardian liable for a first offence to a penalty of not more than Two pounds and in default of payment to imprisonment for a term of not more than seven days, and for a second or any subsequent offence in respect of the same or any other child to a penalty of not less than Two pounds nor more than Five pounds, and in default of payment to imprisonment for a term of not more than fourteen days. Attendance Officers are appointed for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the compulsory attendance provisions of the Education Act. The school leaving age is to be raised to fifteen years on a day to be proclaimed.

An allowance for conveyance of up to one shilling for each day's attendance at a State or registered primary school is granted to children between the ages of six and fourteen years whose residence is more than three miles distant from the nearest existing State school. In special cases the allowance is granted for the conveyance of children over fourteen years of age.

* Small classes held only at University High School each Saturday morning.

School Committees.

Under Act No. 2301 (now incorporated in the *Education Act* 1928, No. 3671) provision was made for the appointment of a school committee for each school, consisting of not more than seven persons. The members of school committees are nominated by the parents of children attending the school for which the committee is to be appointed. The main duties of such committees are:—

- (a) to exercise a general oversight of the buildings and grounds, and to report to the Minister on their condition when necessary;
- (b) to carry out any necessary work referred to the committee in connexion with maintenance or repair of or additions to buildings;
and
- (c) to use every endeavour to induce parents to send their children to school regularly and punctually.

Special schools.

For children who are prevented by disabilities from obtaining full benefit from the ordinary schools, special schools and classes are provided. These include hospital schools, schools for crippled children, a school for children suffering from cerebral palsy, the school for the blind, the school for the deaf, a sight-saving class for partially sighted children, a school for epileptics, an open-air school for undernourished children, and seven schools for mentally retarded children. Some of the schools referred to are residential. Corrective gymnastics, speech therapy and remedial teaching are provided at special centres. A health and recreation camp at which selected children attend for a fortnight is maintained at Queenscliff. The school medical officers are closely in touch with the work being done in special schools and classes.

School Savings Banks.

At 30th June, 1950, there were 2,733 School Savings Banks and 260,023 depositors with £822,698 to their credit.

School forestry and horticulture.

In 1923 the Education Department introduced a school endowment scheme for Victorian schools.

With the assistance of the Lands Department and the Department of State Forests, areas of land in the vicinity of State schools have been reserved for plantation purposes, and these are planted under commercial timber trees, principally *pinus radiata*.

At 30th June, 1950 established plantations numbered 363 with a total area of 3,169 acres. During the planting season 46,000 pines, 800 sugar gums, and 1,300 mahogany gums were planted.

From the 1st July, 1949 to 30th June, 1950 twenty-seven schools sold a total of 772,660 super feet of pine logs, and 65 cunits of pulpwood. The total net value of timber sold was £4,124, bringing the total net revenue since 1937 to £15,761.

The Victorian State Schools Horticultural Society, founded in 1913, renders much assistance to schools. The society has established a nursery from which seedlings, shrubs, and many thousands of packets of seeds are distributed annually to schools throughout the State.

Both the Victorian State Schools Horticultural Society and the School Forestry branch do much to encourage the practical teaching of horticulture and forestry by the preparation of films and film strips, and by the provision of vacation schools for teachers.

Young Farmers' Clubs. Reality in education has been a feature of the Young Farmers' Clubs of Victoria. Around the principal primary industries Clubs have developed a correlated program of cultural, social and agricultural activities in which the Club leader is assisted by an Advisory Council of adults.

Love of the countryside, community leadership, development of practical observational projects, field days, Education Week displays, and inter-club visits are features in the programs. Clubs function in primary and secondary schools, and in addition, Senior Sections, with 1,200 members in 50 centres, have been established for continued training to 25 years of age. Consolidated schools have increased the opportunity for further extension.

The movement is directed by the Young Farmers' Clubs Association, comprising representatives of the Departments of Education, Agriculture and Railways, the Royal Agricultural Society, the Chamber of Agriculture, District Young Farmers' Councils, the Rotary Club and all interested in youth of the countryside. Four full-time Supervisors are organizing the Clubs and assisting in project development.

School orchestras. East Camberwell Girls' Secondary School has a small orchestra, and five high schools, MacRobertson Girls', Essendon, Northcote, Melbourne and University have full orchestras.

School bands. There are 9 brass bands, 30 drum and fife bands and 20 recorder bands in schools.

Music and speech training. There are 28 members of the Music and Speech Training staff. Two members are attached to the Melbourne Teachers' College; eight are in the provincial centres—Ballarat, Bendigo and Geelong—one member being attached to each of the three teachers' colleges and one to the Gippsland Inspectorate; eighteen work in the various schools in the metropolitan area; eight of these are teaching part-time, five having obtained nominated courses for the Bachelor of Music Degree; one senior member is in charge of the fife and recorder bands.

Student teacher classes in music and speech training are held at the Music Centre, State School No. 2365, Queensberry-street, Carlton. Correspondence tuition in speech is provided for country student teachers, and an advanced class to enable teachers to qualify for the Singing Teacher's Primary Certificate is held at a metropolitan centre.

There are weekly broadcasts in music for both junior and post-primary grades.

Visual education. The Education Department's Visual Education Centre possesses 1,194 motion picture films. Several copies of each title are now included in the library.

Eleven Melbourne metropolitan film circuits, and ten country circuits—Geelong, Bendigo, Ballarat, Maryborough, South Gippsland, Western District, Beechworth, Dandenong, Peninsula and Warragul—serving 232 selected schools (primary, technical and high) are operated each day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 25,000 pupils see films every week in Victorian schools. Films are lent to 154 approved borrowers (schools) and 10,000 reels of film go out each year.

Over 300 teachers have been trained as 16 mm. sound projectionists at the Visual Education Centre. Special screenings and guidance have been given to teachers at group meetings called by district inspectors, and lectures and screenings have been given to each of the four teachers' colleges.

There are 1,154 departmental schools with film strip projectors.

The film strip library includes 552 films prepared and produced in the laboratories of the Centre. Over 27,000 film strips were despatched to schools during the year. Thirty-eight educational wall charts have been produced. Over 200 specifications for school radio installations have been prepared during the last twelve months.

Numerous requests have been received for advice and guidance on the purchase of suitable projection equipment. Teachers' Film Group meetings have been held each month in Melbourne, Geelong, Ballarat, Bendigo and Maryborough.

School programmes normally provide a daily period for such activities as gymnastics, games, sports, swimming and life-saving, and for folk dancing. Folk dance broadcasts are arranged and conducted by the staff. Three posture corrective centres have been established in the metropolitan area for children with physical defects: they cater for a limited number of children from surrounding schools and are conducted under medical observation by qualified physical educationists.

The organization of physical education is in charge of an organizer with a staff of 37 male and 32 female assistants all of whom work in metropolitan districts, post primary schools, and in large provincial centres. A training officer (male) and a supervisor of swimming (female) have been appointed to assist the organizer. The training of teachers for physical education is carried on by members of the staff at the Bendigo Teachers' College, at regular visits to schools in the metropolitan area, the provincial cities of Ballarat, Bendigo and Geelong, at Maryborough and in the Benalla Inspectorate, in vacation schools refresher classes in the country centres, and special classes of instruction for student teachers.

There has been a remarkable increase in the number of schools, both State and Registered, taking part in school broadcasts. The first regular school broadcasts commenced in 1931. In that year 30 schools were equipped with radio receiving sets. By December, 1950, this number had increased to 2,250.

**Physical
education.**

**School
Broadcasts.**

The increase has been particularly rapid since 1946, the numbers having almost doubled. Following are comparative figures for the five years ended December, 1950, showing the numbers of radio equipped schools :—

Details.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
Radio-equipped schools ..	1,179	1,480	1,884	2,141	2,250
Percentage of all schools ...	% 42	% 51	% 65	% 74	% 80

Teachers' colleges. Student teachers are trained at the Melbourne, Ballarat, Geelong, and Bendigo Teachers' Colleges. Those student teachers who have passed the Leaving Certificate examination in five subjects, including English, and in Arithmetic for the School Intermediate Certificate, or their equivalents, may be admitted to a college provided that they are at least eighteen years of age and that their teaching abilities have been satisfactorily reported on by their Inspectors. In special cases, student teachers without the School Leaving Certificate may be admitted, provided that they have suitable service and teaching ability.

In the first year at college, all students pursue a common course which leads to the Trained Primary Teacher's Certificate.

All extended courses are conducted at the Melbourne Teachers' College. Extended courses are available for students who wish to qualify as teachers of academic subjects, arts and crafts, or domestic arts in post primary classes, or of infant departments or special schools. Other extended courses enable students to specialize in physical education, music, speech training, or agriculture, the last named course being taken at Dookie Agricultural College.

Teachers of manual arts in secondary schools receive their training at technical schools during the first two years of their course; the third year is taken at the Melbourne Teachers' College. Teachers of domestic arts in secondary schools receive their training at a special hostel in Melbourne. They attend classes at the Emily McPherson College of Domestic Economy and at the Melbourne Teachers' College.

Central schools (post-primary). Thirteen central schools (post-primary) have been established in the metropolitan area and in larger provincial centres.

These schools have been provided for children who have completed the primary course and who have not gained admission to a secondary school or a junior technical school. The course of study is an extension of the primary school course and is arranged to assist pupils who desire to strengthen their claims for subsequent enrolment at a secondary or a junior technical school. However, the course specially aims at providing a general training for pupils who do not intend to enter secondary or junior technical schools.

State Primary Schools, teachers and scholars The following table shows the number of State schools, teachers, and scholars for the period 1946-1950 :—

VICTORIA—STATE PRIMARY SCHOOLS, ENROLMENT AND ATTENDANCE, 1946 TO 1950.

Year.	Number of Schools at end of Year.	Number of Teachers.*	Number of Scholars.†		
			Enrolled during the Year.	In Average Attendance.	Estimated Net Enrolment.
1946 (31st December) ..	2,247	7,107	186,910	141,429	167,308
1947 " ..	2,182	6,870	190,433	145,505	170,898
1948 " ..	2,115	7,139	194,800	148,561	175,265
1949 " ..	2,066	7,247	205,053	155,047	184,543
1950 " ..	2,016	7,336	221,102	164,096	194,906

* Exclusive of teachers temporarily employed, the number of whom was 1,258 on 31st December, 1950.

† Includes Post Primary classes. Excludes Correspondence School.

State Secondary Schools, enrolment and attendance The following table gives the enrolment and attendance for the years 1949 and 1950 .—

VICTORIA—STATE SECONDARY SCHOOLS, ENROLMENT AND ATTENDANCE, YEARS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1949, AND 1950.

Class of School.	Year.	Number of Schools.	Number of Pupils.‡		
			Enrolled during the Year.	In Average Attendance.	Estimated Net Enrolment.
Central Schools* and Classes ..	{ 1949	26	4,705	4,009	4,419
	{ 1950	27	5,245	4,316	5,149
Higher Elementary Schools* ..	{ 1949	47	5,551	4,489	5,230
	{ 1950	46	5,490	4,367	5,042
Girls' Secondary Schools ..	{ 1949	14	5,393	4,231	5,241
	{ 1950	14	5,775	4,388	5,445
Junior Technical Schools† ..	{ 1949	30	11,688	9,749	11,462
	{ 1950	30	12,629	10,470	12,335
District High Schools ..	{ 1949	46	20,689	17,928	19,960
	{ 1950	48	22,674	19,107	21,746
Total ..	{ 1949	163	48,026	40,406	46,312
	{ 1950	165	51,813	42,648	49,717

* Central Schools (except one) and Higher Elementary Schools are not independent establishments. They are worked in conjunction with Primary Schools.

† Junior Technical Schools are worked in conjunction with Technical Schools.

‡ Excludes Correspondence School.

Tuition by correspondence. In addition to the foregoing, there were 1,719 pupils enrolled during 1949 for tuition by correspondence in primary and secondary courses, with a net enrolment of 1,193. Corresponding figures for 1950 were 1,713 and 1,365.

The following table shows the number of pupils attending State schools (senior technical schools excepted) below, at, and above the school age (from 6 to 14 years) during the years ended 31st December, 1949 and 1950:—

VICTORIA—AGES OF STATE SCHOOL SCHOLARS, 1949 AND 1950.

Class of School.	Year.	Under Six Years.	From Six to Fourteen Years.	Over Fourteen Years.	Total.
Primary	{ 1949	12,372	166,093	3,703	182,168
	{ 1950	13,840	175,015	3,542	192,397
Central Schools (Post Primary)	{ 1949	..	1,469	906	2,375
	{ 1950	..	1,703	806	2,509
Central Schools and Classes (Secondary)	{ 1949	..	3,420	999	4,419
	{ 1950	..	3,937	1,212	5,149
Higher Elementary Schools ..	{ 1949	..	2,855	2,375	5,230
	{ 1950	..	2,634	2,408	5,042
Girls' Secondary Schools ..	{ 1949	..	2,876	2,365	5,241
	{ 1950	..	3,219	2,226	5,445
Junior Technical Schools ..	{ 1949	..	5,138	6,324	11,462
	{ 1950	..	5,417	6,918	12,335
District High Schools ..	{ 1949	..	7,820	12,140	19,960
	{ 1950	..	8,928	12,818	21,746
Pupils receiving tuition by correspondence	{ 1949	56	863	274	1,193
	{ 1950	57	874	434	1,365
Total ..	{ 1949	12,428	190,534	29,086	232,048
	{ 1950	13,897	201,727	30,364	245,988

State secondary education. The purpose of the higher elementary schools and of the district high schools is to provide secondary education for pupils who have completed the work of the sixth grade in primary schools.

The former are established in the smaller country centres and provide four years of secondary education up to the School Intermediate Certificate; if the number of pupils is sufficient, the course is extended by one year to the School Leaving Certificate. The high schools provide a course of six years up to the Matriculation examination of the University of Melbourne, the School Leaving Certificate being taken at the end of the fifth year. In both types of school provision is made for the teaching of practical subjects and thus a variety of courses is available. No. tuition fees are charged except in the School Leaving Certificate and Matriculation forms and then a fee of £6 per annum is payable only when pupils have failed to make satisfactory progress and wish to repeat the year's work.

University High School. Established in 1910, this school continues as the official practising school for the work of the first year of the course for Bachelor of Education of the University of Melbourne. Here is undertaken much of the practical part of the work of training graduates for secondary teaching.

Higher elementary schools. There are 46 higher elementary schools in which a four-years' course up to School Intermediate Certificate is provided. During the term ended 31st December, 1949, there was an average attendance at these schools of 4,489 pupils, of whom 2,106 were boys and 2,383 were girls. During the corresponding term in 1950, the attendance was 4,367, consisting of 2,064 boys and 2,303 girls.

Central schools and classes (Secondary). In central schools in the metropolitan area and in schools with central classes in country centres a two-years' preparatory course of secondary education is available. The average attendance at this course was 4,009 pupils in 1949 and 4,316 in 1950. Pupils from these schools have priority of admission to district high schools.

Girls' Secondary Schools. There are fourteen girls' secondary schools, of which eleven are in the Metropolitan Area of Melbourne, and one each in Ballarat, Bendigo, and Geelong. During the term ended 31st December, 1950, there were 4,388 girls in attendance at these schools, compared with 4,231 during the corresponding term in 1949. Courses lead to the Proficiency Certificate at the end of the third year and the Education Department's Intermediate Certificate at the end of the fourth year.

District high schools. There are 48 district high schools in which a six years' course is provided. At the end of the fifth year pupils may obtain the School Leaving Certificate, and at the end of the sixth year may qualify for matriculation. During the term ended 31st December, 1950, there were in attendance 19,107 pupils, of whom 9,133 were boys and 9,974 were girls. During the corresponding term in 1949 the attendance was 17,928, comprising 8,680 boys and 9,248 girls.

Conveyance of post-primary pupils. The Education Department is firmly convinced that the system of conveyance of groups of children from outlying districts to large educational centres is preferable to the establishment of small State secondary and technical schools. For this reason, at the beginning of 1944, it was decided to provide a number of bus services and to defray the full cost of the transport of the pupils conveyed.

During the year 1949-50 there were 465 school buses in operation and 14,470 pupils were conveyed to State and registered secondary schools. The cost of these services was £392,427.

The Department is also meeting the cost of the fares of students who are taking secondary school courses at State secondary and registered secondary schools and who are unable to travel on the school bus services established by the Department. Fares are paid

only when the school attended is outside a radius of three miles from the student's home and is the nearest one providing the required standard of education.

At the beginning of 1950 scholarships were awarded as under :—

SCHOLARSHIPS AND ALLOWANCES.

Number and Kind.	Age Requirements of Candidates.	Period of Tenure.	Annual Value.
1,050 Junior Scholarships open to candidates attending State and registered schools	Not over 14½ years on 1st January, 1950	4 years	Free tuition at a State secondary school and £4 p.a. for school requisites, or £21 p.a. towards tuition fees and school requisites at an approved registered secondary school; also in certain cases up to £52 p.a. for maintenance
650 Free Places at State secondary schools open to candidates attending State Schools	Not over 14½ years on 1st January, 1950	4 years	Free tuition at a State secondary school and £4 p.a. for school requisites; also in certain cases up to £52 p.a. for maintenance
400 Leaving Certificate Bursaries open to candidates in attendance at State and registered schools who will become teachers	Not over 16½ years on 1st January, 1950	1 year	£50 p.a. towards cost of schooling; also in certain cases up to £52 p.a. for maintenance
100 Matriculation Bursaries open to candidates attending State and registered schools who will become teachers	Not over 17½ years on 1st January, 1950	1 year	£50 p.a. towards cost of schooling; also in certain cases up to £52 p.a. for maintenance
250 Intermediate Technical Scholarships open to candidates attending State and registered schools	Not over 15½ years on 1st January, 1950	1 year	Free tuition at a junior technical school and £10 p.a.; also in certain cases up to £52 p.a. for maintenance
235 Senior Technical Scholarships open to candidates attending State, technical and registered schools	No age limit	Up to 5 years	Free tuition at a senior technical school; also £30 p.a. in case of day scholars and £10 p.a. or £5 p.a. in case of evening scholars; also in certain cases up to £169 p.a. for maintenance
44 Senior Scholarships open to candidates attending State, registered and technical schools	Not over 18½ years on 1st January, 1950	Up to 6 years	£40 p.a. towards expense of course at University; also in certain cases up to £169 p.a. for maintenance
70 Free Places at University of Melbourne open to candidates attending State, registered, and technical schools	No age limit	Up to 6 years	Exemption from payment of fees for lectures and examinations in an approved course at the University; also in certain cases up to £169 p.a. for maintenance
5 Free Places at University of Melbourne open to officers (other than teachers) of the Government of Victoria	Not over 25 years on 1st January, 1950	Up to 4 years	Exemption from payment of fees for lectures and examinations in an approved course at the University. Leave on full pay to attend lectures and examinations
25 Free courses at University of Melbourne open to teachers of Education Department	No age limit	Up to 4 years	Exemption from payment of fees for lectures and examinations in an approved course at the University

In addition to these scholarships, there is a scheme whereby free tuition and allowances for school requisites up to £3 per annum and for maintenance up to £39 per annum may be granted to enable pupils who show special aptitude and promise and whose parents are in necessitous circumstances to attend State secondary and technical schools. Free tuition is granted to children of deceased or totally and permanently incapacitated servicemen or ex-servicemen, attending State secondary or technical schools.

TECHNICAL SCHOOLS.

The technical schools in the State were originally under the control of local school councils. In 1910, however, legislation was enacted which provided for all schools established after that year to be under the control of the Minister of Public Instruction. The number of technical schools receiving aid from the State on 30th June, 1950, was 35, of which 21 have been established since the passing of the *Education Act* 1910. The gross enrolment for the year 1950 comprised 12,572 junior and 42,031 senior students.

Victorian technical schools provide practical laboratory and workshop training, together with instruction in the principles of science and art, as applied to industries. They also give instruction in subjects connected with or preparatory to industrial, commercial, agricultural, mining, and domestic pursuits.

Full-time day and evening professional courses are provided in the various branches of engineering, mining, metallurgy, architecture, applied chemistry, applied physics, textiles, art and applied art, commercial work, foremanship work, and institutional management. Full-time and part-time day and evening trade courses are also available in trades connected with electrical and mechanical engineering, motor, building, furniture, printing, bootmaking, food trades, and women's industries.

Associated with every technical school, with the exception of the Emily McPherson College of Domestic Economy, the Melbourne Technical College, the William Angliss Food Trades School, the Melbourne School of Printing and Graphic Arts, and the Melbourne Textile Trades School, is a full-time day junior technical or preparatory section, which provides for a three years' course of study. In eight country high schools there are junior technical sections, while five private schools (two metropolitan and three country) teach the junior technical school course. The private schools are open to inspection by Departmental officers.

Pupils who have completed either the sixth or seventh grade course in a primary school are eligible for admission to Form I. in a junior technical school. Entrance is by recommendation from the primary school. Where there is a shortage of accommodation, an entrance examination, which is open to all schools, both State and private, may be held.

Those who fail to attain entry may do so after further study in a primary school or in special post-primary classes. Primary school pupils who complete the eighth grade course may be admitted to Form II.

The junior school course is of four years' duration. After the satisfactory completion of Form III., pupils are eligible for the award of the Junior Technical Certificate, the recognized pre-requisite for apprenticeship in most trades. The Intermediate Technical Certificate may be obtained after an additional year's satisfactory work. This certificate is issued either in an un-endorsed form or marked "Diploma Entrance Standard". The needs of the trades or artistic occupations may be served by the ordinary certificate (English being a compulsory requirement), while the "Diploma Entrance Standard" requires, *inter alia*, passes in English, Mathematics, and Science.

Certain senior technical schools—the Melbourne Technical College, the Swinburne Technical College (Hawthorn), the Gordon Institute of Technology (Geelong), the Bendigo and Ballarat Schools of Mines, and the Footscray and Caulfield Technical Schools, and ten schools in some of the larger country centres—are general purpose schools, providing full day and evening professional courses, and full-time and part-time day and evening trade apprenticeship and commercial courses. In the country centres specialized instruction is given, such as at Geelong in textile, wool classing and sorting and architecture, and at Ballarat and Bendigo, in mining, and at several schools in full-time or part-time form utility courses adapted to the needs of the local district.

In the metropolitan area there are also twelve senior schools giving a wide range of part-time training including that for apprentices in proclaimed trades under the apprenticeship commission. The latter training is in general of four years' duration and is conducted on a part-time basis by day with opportunities for further study in the evening classes. The William Angliss Food Trades School, the Melbourne School of Printing and Graphic Arts and the Melbourne Textile Trades School are mono-technical institutions for apprentices.

The technical courses for women's industries are the Emily McPherson College of Domestic Economy and the Box Hill Girls' Technical School, and there are also women's classes at Ballarat, Brighton, Castlemaine, Daylesford, Echuca, Bairnsdale, Wangaratta, Maryborough, Prahran, Sale, Sunshine, Warrnambool and Wonthaggi Technical schools, the Swinburne Technical College (Glenferrie), and the Gordon Institute of Technology (Geelong). There are junior technical schools for girls associated with the schools at Ballarat, Box Hill, Brighton, Sunshine, Prahran, Swinburne (Hawthorn), Wonthaggi, Maryborough, Sale, and Warrnambool. The Mildura High School also has a girls' junior technical section.

Fees in technical schools range from 10s. per term per subject (Elementary grades) to £8 per term for Advanced courses.

No fees are charged in junior technical schools and, from the beginning of 1947, free tuition has been made available to all qualified students undertaking full time approved courses in senior technical schools, provided a satisfactory standard of attainment is maintained.

Living allowances up to £169 per annum are also available to senior technical scholarship holders under certain conditions subject to a means test, whilst non-scholarship holders doing full-time senior courses are eligible in the second and subsequent years of their courses for assistance from the Universities Commission.

Government expenditure on each technical school during each of the five years ended 1949-50 is shown in the following table:—

VICTORIA—GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE ON TECHNICAL SCHOOLS, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

School.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	£	£	£	£	£
Bairnsdale	7,716	9,503	10,676	2,532	7,284
Ballarat	31,987	29,823	40,102	31,377	36,764
Bendigo	30,065	27,122	30,001	23,451	36,856
Box Hill	13,604	16,587	21,816	6,474	9,855
Box Hill (Girls)	7,733	8,763	9,496	2,245	2,659
Brighton	26,988	28,727	32,061	10,165	12,442
Brunswick	19,388	22,387	26,490	8,431	7,495
Castlemaine	9,493	10,910	12,996	10,649	12,243
Caulfield	29,976	38,831	60,812	30,602	17,140
Coburg	4,915			35	
Collingwood	57,768	46,659	41,727	26,871	25,799
Daylesford	5,967	5,405	5,304	3,333	4,484
Echuca	10,997	12,706	18,557	13,562	15,465
Essendon	16,158	19,466	22,804	11,064	8,415
Footscray	52,222	72,090	68,768	25,878	56,647
Geelong (Gordon Institute of Technology)	72,367	59,129	62,631	54,241	60,196
Hawthorn (Swinburne Technical College)	41,552	54,574	63,862	61,622	71,441
Maryborough	11,973	13,864	15,735	3,877	3,743
Melbourne—					
Emily McPherson College of Domestic Economy	15,755	35,931	40,246	11,723	22,017
School of Printing and Graphic Arts				1,664	12,456
Technical College	79,442	101,564	113,784	141,805	201,446
Textile Trades School				504	2,697
William Angliss Food Trades	5,804	8,287	11,232	2,063	3,644
Oakleigh	23,059	21,172	18,536	7,274	6,493
Prahran	15,828	18,590	23,814	10,485	17,911
Preston	18,243	43,183	26,680	8,249	20,010
Richmond	17,477	20,762	22,966	4,686	9,433
Sale	10,678	12,633	12,846	13,311	11,954
Sandringham	7,269	15,200	7,668	12,439	6,285
South Melbourne	17,011	18,391	23,746	7,096	7,547
Stawell	6,356	8,576	8,387	3,902	8,414
Sunshine	22,978	16,753	20,428	8,304	10,043
Wangaratta	8,936	11,994	17,149	14,640	14,391
Warrnambool	10,907	15,003	21,119	3,842	6,552
Wonthaggi	7,739	9,125	10,855	3,795	9,416
Yallourn	12,184	14,405	15,014	6,008	6,071
Other Votes for Technical Schools	61,817	72,251	74,821	97,481	104,771
Miscellaneous	6,505	9,200	9,131	14,782	17,338
Salaries (Departmental Teachers*)				494,647	597,676
Total	798,757	929,566	1,022,860	1,195,109	1,485,493

* Prior to 1949 salaries of departmental teachers were tabulated under respective schools. From 1949 this information is not available.

**Melbourne
Technical
College.**

Melbourne Technical College, as the Working Men's College, was founded in 1887 by the late Hon. Francis Ormond.

It is open to both sexes, and supplies higher technical instruction. Its revenue is obtained from students' fees, supplemented by a Government grant. There are both day and evening courses.

**Scholarships
and Prizes.**

Various scholarships which have been donated by manufacturers, commercial associations, and other bodies are available to senior students of the College. Several valuable prizes are also given annually by employers and others interested in technical education.

**Free Tuition
Day Courses.**

Free tuition in approved full-time courses will be granted to students who are bona fide residents of Victoria and who, in the year prior to enrolment, attended full-time at a State or Registered Secondary, Technical, or Post-Primary School, provided that they possess the prescribed qualifications for entering such courses, and that they reach a satisfactory standard of attainment in each year of the course.

**Day Courses
and Fees.**

All fees are payable in advance. The year is divided into three terms. The day courses and the scale of fees per term for the year 1950 are shown in the following table:—

MELBOURNE TECHNICAL COLLEGE—COURSES AND FEES.

Diploma Courses.	Fee per Term.	Other Day Courses.	Fee per Term.
			£ s. d.
Applied Chemistry	£5 10s. for the first, second, and third years, and £6 10s. thereafter	Commercial—	
Chemical Engineering		Full Day	5 0 0
Metallurgy		Five Half-days	3 0 0
Metallurgical Engineering		Engineering Machine Shop—	
Mining Engineering		Special Full Day	5 0 0
Applied Physics		Electrical Trades—	
Mechanical Engineering		Special Full Day	5 0 0
Electrical Engineering		Art Course—	
Civil Engineering		Full Time	5 0 0
Communication Engineering		Five Half-days	4 0 0
Automotive Engineering		Wool-sorting—	
Aeronautical Engineering		Full Courses	8 0 0
		Special Course	1 15 0
	£ s. d.		
Architecture	5 10 0	Photography—	
Advertising Art	5 0 0	Full Day	6 0 0
Painting		Motor Mechanics—	
Industrial Design		Trade Course	5 0 0
Modelling and Sculpture		Farm Mechanics	5 0 0

**Evening
Courses and
Classes.**

In the evening school, the following courses for certificates are in operation:—Assayers; geologists; aero, civil, electrical, mechanical, and structural engineers; radio technicians; communication and production engineering; land surveyors; mechanical draughtsmen; public analysts; art; architects; industrial chemists; heat treatment; mine managers; mine surveying; primary and secondary metallurgy; building and printing trades. Evening courses for the diplomas of chemistry, applied science, mechanical, electrical, aeronautical, production, radio and civil engineering, metallurgy and accountancy are also in operation. The fees for evening tuition range from £1 10s. per term to £5 per term according to the course taken.

The evening classes are also open to students who, instead of undertaking a full course, receive instruction in any one or more subjects of any course. Tuition is also given by correspondence.

During 1950 the College accommodated 135 Reconstruction Trainees, for full-time courses, which are not included in the following figures.

Details relating to the College during the years 1946 to 1950 are shown in the following table:—

MELBOURNE TECHNICAL COLLEGE, 1946 TO 1950.

—	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
Individual students enrolled—					
Males	14,879	14,737	14,782	13,957	12,719
Females	1,591	1,429	1,342	1,364	1,460
Total	16,470	16,166	16,124	15,321	14,179
Number of classes	687	740	818	807	813
Number of Instructors	693	716	792	797	820
Salaries paid to Instructors £	102,355	125,200	139,736	157,400	183,579
Government grant £	75,320	92,454	94,704	156,100	198,044
Fees received during the year* £	73,248	83,254	108,516	104,853	84,347
Average fee per student per year	88s. 11d.	103s.	134s. 7d.	136s. 10d.	119s. —

* Not including fees for correspondence courses, which amounted to £29,938 in 1946, £32,482 in 1947, £17,497 in 1948, £14,004 in 1949 and £12,421 in 1950. The subjects taught by correspondence are those included in the college curriculum.

STATE EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION.

During 1949-50, expenditure by and on behalf of the Education Department of Victoria, as published in the Report of the Minister of Public Instruction, together with the payment by the Treasury to the University (less that for Bacteriological Laboratory Services) totalled £10,626,839. This amount includes expenditure from loan moneys and the cost of pensions and gratuities, but excludes the interest paid by the State on loans for educational purposes (particulars of which are not available), payroll tax, superannuation paid on behalf of officers in the Defence Forces, and expenditure on School Medical and Dental services. Comparative figures for each of the years 1945-46 to 1949-50 were as follows:—

VICTORIA—STATE EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION,
1945-46 TO 1949-50.

Expenditure on—	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
Primary, Intermediate, and Secondary Education—	£	£	£	£	£
Primary (including Special Subjects)	2,365,271	2,554,332	3,094,735	4,222,596	4,692,714
Intermediate	206,312	†	†	†	†
Secondary	547,976	1,018,751	1,056,181	1,284,187	1,439,293
Buildings and Land	284,198	405,862	571,574	505,261	1,503,016
Technical Education—					
Junior and Senior Schools	616,336	752,931	871,815	1,069,221	1,271,913
Buildings and Land	174,726	168,137	140,825	107,902	190,972
Training of Teachers	92,682	216,538	342,528	46,771	376,136
Administration	102,941	150,786	162,294	172,714	213,612
Pensions	167,328	167,706	191,784	228,804	237,971
General Expenditure§	2,395	34,377	47,798	165,209	231,379
University—					
Special Appropriations, &c.*	128,100	294,585	283,124	294,288	458,543
Scholarships and Bursaries	8,828	12,917	13,633	14,882	11,290
Total	4,697,093†	5,776,922†	6,776,291†	8,111,835†	10,626,839†
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Per head of Population	2 5 8	2 16 3	3 5 9	3 16 9	4 17 11

* Excluding expenditure on Bacteriological Laboratory Services, viz.:—£7,000 in 1945-46, £11,000 in 1946-47 and 1947-48, £15,500 in 1948-49, and £15,000 in 1949-50.

† Excluding (a) pay-roll tax, £78,107 in 1945-46, £87,761 in 1946-47, £101,793 in 1947-48, £117,649 in 1948-49, and £139,485 in 1949-50; (b) superannuation paid on behalf of officers in Defence Forces, £12,303 in 1945-46, £2,592 in 1946-47, £873 in 1947-48, and £427 in 1948-49; and (c) expenditure on School Medical and Dental Services £26,084 in 1948-49, and £36,025 in 1949-50.

‡ Intermediate education is now included under the heading of Secondary.

§ Prior to 1949 certain general expenditure was included under other headings.

In addition to the expenditure shown in the preceding table, fees, donations, &c., amounting to £131,490 in 1945-46, £177,626 in 1946-47, £181,217 in 1947-48, £224,764 in 1948-49, and £220,196 in 1949-50, were retained and expended by the various technical school councils.

In the following statement the expenditure shown has been confined to that relating to primary and secondary education in State schools, i.e., excluding the amount expended on technical education :—

VICTORIA—EXPENDITURE ON PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION—STATE SCHOOLS (EXCLUDING TECHNICAL SCHOOLS), 1949-50.

Classification.	General Expenditure.	Primary Education.	Secondary Education.	Correspondence School.	Teachers' Colleges.	Total Expenditure.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cost of Administration ..	132,845	57,362	13,788	899	617	205,511
Cost of Co-ordinate Activities (Attendance Branch) ..		10,619				10,619
Cost of Instruction ..	108,614	3,757,680	1,048,432	36,195	62,080	5,013,001
Operation of School Plant (Cleaning, &c.) ..		208,816	48,616	290	1,368	259,090
Maintenance of School Plant (Repairs, &c.) ..		501,796	44,550	100	3,350	549,796
Auxiliary Costs (Transport Allowances, Scholarships, &c.) ..	122,765	213,804	261,109		309,338	907,016
Fixed Charges (Pensions, Rents, &c.) ..	237,971	7,483	322			245,776
Capital Expenditure (Purchase of Land and Buildings) ..		1,198,019	153,750		143,442	1,495,211
Total ..	602,195	5,955,579	1,570,567	37,484	520,195	8,686,020

COUNCIL OF PUBLIC EDUCATION.

The Council of Public Education is appointed under Section 83 of the *Education Act* 1928. Its chief functions relate to the registration of teachers and schools under Part VI. of the Act, and to ensuring that schools under this part are registered and properly staffed, and that persons employed therein are registered as teachers or have been granted temporary permission to teach.

Part VI. of the Act relates to schools other than State schools. "School" is defined as "An assembly at appointed time of three or more persons between the ages of six years and eighteen years for the purpose of their being instructed by a teacher or teachers in all or any of the undermentioned subjects, namely :—

Reading, writing, arithmetic, grammar, geography, English or other language, mathematics, history, any natural or experimental or applied science, bookkeeping, shorthand, accountancy ;

but 'school' does not include the University of Melbourne or any college affiliated therewith or any assembly of persons, all of whom are members of not more than two families, or any State school, or any school aided by the State, or any school in any part of Victoria declared by the Governor in Council to be a sparsely populated district for the purposes of this Act".

A person may not teach in a school any of the subjects named above unless he is registered or has obtained the express permission of the Council to teach temporarily.

Registered schools, teachers and pupils, 1950. Statistical information relating to registered schools is obtained from the annual return made by each school to the Council of Public Education. Particulars of the registered schools operating during 1950 (excluding commercial colleges) are shown in the following tables:—

VICTORIA—REGISTERED SCHOOLS—ENROLMENT (IN AGE GROUPS) IN DENOMINATIONAL AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS, 1950.

	Number of Schools.	Number of Teachers.	Gross Enrolment.			Net Enrolment.		
			Under 6 Years.	Between 6 and 14 Years.	Over 14 Years.	Under 6 Years.	Between 6 and 14 Years.	Over 14 Years.
Denominational—								
Roman Catholic	349	1,778	5,865	54,189	8,094	5,628	50,201	7,666
Church of England ..	36	565	868	6,976	3,400	854	6,835	3,287
Presbyterian ..	18	272	651	3,220	1,778	648	3,172	1,776
Methodist ..	4	137	67	1,452	1,541	67	1,443	1,539
Other ..	18	97	290	1,436	263	288	1,403	262
Undenominational	51	298	1,465	3,341	1,732	1,452	3,207	1,719
Total ..	476	3,147	9,206	70,614	16,808	8,937	66,261	16,349

VICTORIA—REGISTERED SCHOOLS—GROSS ENROLMENT, 1950.

	Gross Enrolment.						
	Primary.		Secondary.		Total.		
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Denominational—							
Roman Catholic	27,525	28,564	6,336	5,723	33,861	34,287	68,148
Church of England	2,701	3,071	2,906	2,566	5,607	5,637	11,244
Presbyterian ..	1,439	1,301	1,782	1,127	3,221	2,428	5,649
Methodist ..	188	801	817	1,254	1,005	2,055	3,060
Other ..	761	743	274	211	1,035	954	1,989
Undenominational..	1,665	3,045	416	1,412	2,081	4,457	6,538
Total ..	34,279	37,525	12,531	12,293	46,810	49,818	96,628

State and
registered
schools, 1950.

The gross and net enrolments of State and registered schools (excluding commercial colleges) in sexes and age groups are shown in the following table :—

VICTORIA—STATE AND REGISTERED SCHOOLS, 1950.

	Gross Enrolment.			Net Enrolment.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Under 6 Years.	Between 6 and 14 Years.	Over 14 Years.
State Schools	143,810	130,818	274,628	13,897	201,727	30,364
Registered Schools	46,810	49,818	96,628	8,937	66,261	16,349
Total	190,620	180,636	371,256	22,834	267,988	46,713

Note.—In addition, State Senior Technical Schools had a gross enrolment of 30,879 males and 11,152 females.

COUNCIL OF ADULT EDUCATION.

The Council of Adult Education, established by the Adult Education Act of 1946, is a body of not more than twenty members, four of whom are ex-officio.

The functions of the Council as set down in the Act are :—

- (a) to advise the Minister on matters of general policy relating to Adult Education ;
- (b) to report to the Minister on methods or developments in Adult Education which, in its opinion, should be introduced ;
- (c) to plan and supervise the administration and development of Adult Education and to assist other bodies engaged in such work ;
- (d) to exercise such powers and to carry out such duties as are conferred or imposed on the Council by the Act.

The Council receives an annual statutory grant of £25,000 per annum, which is supplemented by receipts from its own activities. The balance in the Adult Education Fund at 30th June, 1949, was £6,098 14s. 4d. and at 30th June, 1950, was £1,492 10s. 7d.

The Council's activities can be briefly summarised in the following tables:—

VICTORIA—ADULT EDUCATION—LECTURE CLASSES, 1949–1950.

Lecture Classes.	1949.		1950.	
	First Term.	Second Term.	First Term.	Second Term.
Courses Offered ..	87	79	75	63
Students Enrolled ..	4,114	2,521	3,624	2,115

VICTORIA—ADULT EDUCATION—DISCUSSION GROUPS, PERFORMANCES, ETC., GIVEN, RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS, 1948–49 AND 1949–50.

Details.	1948–49.	1949–50.
Discussion Groups—		
Number of Groups	142	165
Students Enrolled	1,660	1,600
Performances, &c., Given—		
Music	145	209
Drama	70	63
Ballet and Dance Recitals	31	88
Art Exhibitions	12	15
Residential Schools—		
City	2	1
Country	2	1

PUBLIC LIBRARIES, MUSEUMS, &c.

**Public
Library of
Victoria.**

The Library consists of three distinct sections, viz., the Reference Library, the Lending Library, and the Country Lending and Travelling Library.

At the 30th June, 1950, the Reference Library contained 584,622 volumes and 91,626 pamphlets. The Lending branch, which is also free to the public, contained 96,232 volumes at the same date and issued 200,943 volumes to 15,226 borrowers during the year ended 30th June, 1950. The Country Lending and Travelling Library contained 26,091 volumes, and during the year despatched 35,787 books to almost every country town in Victoria.

**Free Library
Service Board.**

The Free Library Service Board was established by the Government in 1947, to assist in the promotion and establishment of libraries by municipalities throughout the State of Victoria.

Since 1947-48, the first year in which Government subsidy was paid to municipal libraries approved by the Board, the subsidy has increased from an annual amount of £16,000 to £49,400 in the year 1949-50, and the total amount expended by the Government in that period exceeds £100,000. The number of municipal libraries has increased from twelve to thirty-three and the total amount, including subsidy, expended by these Councils on their library services during 1949-50 was more than £82,000. The average expenditure per head of population of the thirty-three municipalities concerned was three shillings, including Government subsidy.

All of these libraries, of which nine are in the metropolitan area and twenty-four in the country, will soon be under the supervision of trained librarians. The book collections which are already in existence, and which, in the case of newer libraries, are now in the process of being built up, cover a range of subjects wide enough to meet the demands of any inquiry.

The metropolitan population which is serviced by this system numbers 340,000, of which 35,000 are active borrowers. A total book collection of 143,000 is available to these borrowers. In the country districts 24,000 borrowers out of a population of 213,000 have access to 136,000 books.

The following table shows statistics relating to municipal libraries subsidized by the Free Library Service Board for the year 1949-50:—

MUNICIPAL LIBRARIES SUBSIDIZED BY FREE LIBRARY SERVICE BOARD, 1949-50.

Municipality.	Amount Contributed by Council.	Total Government Grants.	Total Amount Expended on Library.	Number of Books in Library.	Number of Registered Borrowers.	Number of Book Issues.
	£	£	£			
<i>Metropolitan—</i>						
Box Hill	1,265	1,265	2,530	8,930	5,259	*
Collingwood	2,200	2,200	4,400	7,696	1,890	20,462
Hawthorn	3,019	3,035	6,054	16,639	5,600	113,697
Kew	1,727	1,743	3,470	15,153	3,110	98,383
Northcote	2,300	2,316	4,616	13,032	3,015	73,060
Port Melbourne	786	786	1,572	11,850	710	42,400
Prahran	3,700	3,716	7,416	33,000	5,360	120,043
Preston	2,400	2,416	4,816	15,877	4,158	83,781
South Melbourne	3,300	3,316	6,616	20,880	6,500	106,332
Total Metropolitan ..	20,697	20,793	41,490	143,057	35,602	658,158
<i>Country—</i>						
Alexandra Shire	200	400	600	†	†	†
Bairnsdale Shire	425	966	1,391	3,382	*	7,856
Ballarat City	1,954	4,940	6,894	33,550	2,870	*
Bendigo City	1,340	1,606	2,946	8,272	4,105	42,249
Bright Shire	200	597	797	†	†	†
Castlemaine Town	290	770	1,060	*	*	*
Euroa Shire	530	530	1,060	2,875	841	10,864
Geelong City	1,300	1,766	3,066	13,230	2,920	64,777
Horsham City	325	525	850	6,200	1,235	3,580
Kerang Shire	845	845	1,690	3,925	682	*

**MUNICIPAL LIBRARIES SUBSIDIZED BY FREE LIBRARY
SERVICE BOARD, 1949-50—continued.**

Municipality.	Amount Contributed by Council.	Total Govern- ment Grants.	Total Amount Expended on Library.	Number of Books in Library.	Number of Re- gistered Borrow- ers.	Number of Book Issues.
<i>Country—continued—</i>	£	£	£			
Mildura City	750	966	1,716	13,098	3,207	68,702
Mildura Shire	1,600	1,600	3,200	1,100	†	†
Mirboo Shire	177	361	538	4,833	150	*
Morwell Shire	325	525	850	5,060	382	26,429
Newtown and Chilwell City	505	705	1,210	11,070	1,024	36,158
Phillip Island Shire ..	120	247	367	5,223	221	*
Stawell Borough	250	287	537	†	†	†
Upper Murray Shire ..	250	610	860	*	*	*
Violet Town Shire .. .	245	600	845	†	†	†
Wangaratta Borough ..	350	827	1,177	†	†	†
Warragul Shire	350	532	882	2,642	769	2,096
Warrnambool City .. .	1,100	2,316	3,416	14,763	1,605	64,404
Yallourn Authority .. .	2,066	2,282	4,348	7,357	3,348	74,902
Yea Shire	200	510	710	†	†	†
Total Country	15,697	25,313	41,010	136,580	23,359	402,017
Grand Total, Victoria	36,394	46,106	82,500	279,637	58,961	1,060,175

* Not available.

† Not yet established.

National Gallery. The National Gallery at 30th June, 1950, contained the following works of art :—2,190 oil paintings, 7,792 objects of art, statuary, &c., and 22,033 water-colours, drawings, etchings, engravings, &c. During the year ended 30th June, 1950, £57,653 was expended on works of art, the Trustees of the Felton Bequest providing £52,960 of that amount.

The National Gallery Art School was attended during the year 1949-50 by a daily average of 72·5 students, including 14 students under the Commonwealth Reconstruction Training Scheme.

National Museum. The National Museum of Victoria is housed in the eastern section of the Public Library block. Its collections, which amount to several million specimens, comprise natural history, geology, and ethnology. Included among the collections are the famous Baldwin Spencer collection of central and northern Australian ethnology, the Lyell collection of Australian Butterflies and Moths, the H. L. White collection of Australian birds' skins and eggs, the Bassett Hull collection of Chitons, and the Gatliff collection of Australian Marine Mollusca.

On exhibition are to be seen fourteen dioramas illustrating Australian aborigines and Australian natural history studies.

**Museum of
Applied
Science.**

The Museum originally known as the Industrial and Technological Museum was founded in 1870. In 1944, the name was changed to the Museum of Applied Science of Victoria. It is housed in the Queen's Hall of the Public Library block.

The exhibits, which comprised 23,320 separate items on the 30th June, 1950, covered applied and economic aspects of all branches of science.

Worthy of special mention are sectioned steam, aero and car engines (many of which may be operated by visitors), electrical equipment, the atomic energy working display, operating electronic devices, the Askew bequest of time measurement instruments, the ship and aircraft models, the arms collection, the metallurgy and economic geology collection, agricultural implements, animal products, the biological wax model collection, the timber specimens and numerous industrial displays.

Among the many interesting historical exhibits may be seen a primitive model, said to have been made by the inventor, William Symington, of the "Charlotte Dundas," the first practical steamboat (1802). The first motor car imported into Australia (1897), the first Australian made aeroplane to fly (1910), and a replica of Leeuwenhoek's microscope with which germs were first seen in 1673, are also on display.

A recently established section deals with preventive medicine. Its community value continues to grow as new additions are made.

In the museum workshops and laboratories the preparation of up-to-date exhibits on physics, chemistry and biology receives special attention.

Regular demonstrations of the 8-inch refracting telescope are conducted in conjunction with the Astronomical Society of Victoria, enabling visitors to see the night sky through high-grade equipment.

THE MELBOURNE BOTANIC GARDEN.

The Melbourne Botanic Garden, which was established in 1846, is situated on the south side of the Yarra River. The area of the garden proper is 102 acres, and includes lakes, lawns, groups, plantations, conservatories, &c. Adjoining the Botanic Garden are

the grounds of Government House, the Shrine, the Domain, the former Observatory, the Alexandra Park and Gardens, and the Queen Victoria Gardens. The whole reservation, probably the most valuable asset of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere, embraces an area of approximately 320 acres.

ZOOLOGICAL BOARD OF VICTORIA.

The gardens of the Zoological Board of Victoria are situated in Royal Park, on the northern side of the city of Melbourne. The ground enclosed contains 50 acres, rather more than half of which is laid out as a zoological garden, and the rest in deer paddocks and spacious lawns for the convenience of visitors. Most of the large animals of the world are represented there, as well as many native animals.

PUBLIC RESERVES IN GREATER MELBOURNE.

The total area of such reserves, as recorded in 1946, was 9,875 acres, of which 3,456 acres were acquired by the municipalities at a total cost of £1,000,573.

The particulars for each municipality comprising Greater Melbourne were published in the *Year-Book* for 1944-45, page 402.

HOUSING COMMISSION.

The history of events leading up to the appointment of the Housing Commission, together with an epitome of the provisions of the *Housing Act* 1937 and the *Slum Reclamation and Housing Act* 1938, will be found in the *Year-Book* for 1937-38, pages 224 and 225. The initial operations of the Commission are summarized in the *Year-Book* for 1938-39.

The Commission's activities are spread over both metropolitan and country centres. The present policy of the Commission is that one-third of all houses erected shall be built in country centres and that particular attention shall be paid to the needs of centres in which industry has been established under the Government's decentralization plans.

Up to 30th June, 1950, 114 areas, including 85 in the country, have been developed by the Commission and 11,596 houses provided thereon. In addition, 3,286 houses are in various stages of construction or contracts have been let. These figures include projects which have been determined for the Government-sponsored construction of

houses for Victoria in accordance with the agreement made between the Commonwealth and State Governments. At 30th June, 1950, these houses numbered 14,003, allocated as follows:—

Houses.	Metropolitan.	Country.
Completed	6,709	3,559
Under construction	1,418	868
Contracts let (work not started)	675	325
Plans in preparation .. .. .	..	44)
Total	8,802	5,201

In its normal housing programme to 30th June, 1950, the Commission has expended £23,467,060.

Gross revenue for rents for the year ended 30th June, 1950, amounted to £938,894, against which £16,673 was allowed for rental rebates.

During the year a further 468 sub-standard houses were dealt with. Repairs were ordered in respect of 270 houses. The remaining 198 houses were considered beyond repair and were declared to be unfit for human habitation and in due course will be ordered to be demolished. The majority will be deferred, however, until the restrictions imposed by the Building Operations and Building Materials Control Act are lifted.

Apart from the direct improvement to houses occasioned by the Commission's orders for repairs the regulations have effected indirect improvement in the general condition of rented houses.

CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING SOCIETIES.

The law relating to co-operative housing societies is contained in the Co-operative Housing Societies Acts, which constitute the first Victorian legislation dealing with the financing of home building and purchase on a purely co-operative basis. The Principal Act, No. 5055 of 1944, which was brought into operation on 5th September, 1945, authorizes societies to raise loans and to make advances to their members for the purchase of land and the erection of homes thereon or for the erection of homes on land already owned by them. By Act No. 5357, assented to on 21st December, 1948, the scope of operations of societies was extended to include the making of advances to members for the purchase of existing dwellings, meeting charges for street-making and sewerage installation, and effecting additional permanent improvements.

An outline of the method of operation of these societies appeared in the *Year-Book* for 1945-46, pages 433-435.

The first society to be incorporated under the Act was registered on 15th October, 1945. At 30th June, 1950, there were 144 (129) societies on the register, of which 65 (69) had adopted a notional term of 22½ years, 78 (59) a notional term of 30½ years, and 1 (1) a notional term of 24 years. Figures in parentheses relate to the year ended 30th June, 1949.

The regional distribution of societies, based on the situation of the registered office, was as follows: Metropolitan and Outer Metropolitan 107 (95), Urban 12 (10), and Country 25 (24).

The following statement gives particulars relating to membership and operations of societies as at 30th June of each of the five years 1946 to 1950:—

Details.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
Number of Societies Registered ..	63	93	110	129	144
Number of Members ..	6,174	8,893	9,814	11,190	12,996
Number of Shares Subscribed ..	117,459	177,604	207,360	254,287	318,493
Nominal Share Capital Subscribed ..	£6,438,800	£9,645,728	£11,246,065	£13,776,070	£17,241,606
Number of Advances Approved ..	397	1,865	3,260	4,666	6,799
Amount of Advances Approved ..	£437,381	£2,113,708	£3,817,661	£5,796,443	£9,135,437
Number of Indemnities Given and Subsisting ..	32	392	576	772	1,369
Amount of Indemnities Subsisting ..	£1,873	£28,405	£41,671	£57,575	£113,240
Number of Government Guarantees Executed ..	39	83	99	117	138
Amount of Government Guarantees Executed ..	£4,800,000	£9,070,000	£10,945,000	£13,030,000	£17,110,000
Number of Dwelling-houses Completed ..	14	390	1,342	2,484	4,046
Number in Course of Erection ..	170	1,204	1,756	2,141	2,786

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.

The principal legislative provisions relating to friendly societies are contained in the *Friendly Societies Act 1928*, a summary of which was published in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29 (pages 383-387). Amending Acts were passed in 1934, 1938, and 1946. The main provisions of the 1934 amending Act were published in the *Year-Book* for 1934-35, page 213, those of the 1938 Amending Act in the *Year-Book* for 1938-39, page 237, and of the 1946 Amending Act in the *Year-Book* for 1945-46, page 436.

The legislative supervision exercised over friendly societies has had a very beneficial effect. There are 30 friendly societies in Victoria which are required by the statute to have made a quinquennial valuation of their assets and liabilities by an actuary. The latest valuation reports show that there were only four societies with a ratio of assets to liabilities of less than 20s. in the £1; two of these were societies of small membership.

Since the year 1908, all the actuarial valuations of the assets and liabilities of societies have been made by the Government Statist, who is required by statute to be a fully qualified actuary.

The following table shows the number and classification of members of Victorian Friendly Societies at 30th June, 1950:—

Classification of Membership.			Males.	Females.	Total.
Sick and funeral benefit .. ..	..	..	184,512	15,619	200,131
Medical benefit (including widows) ..	..	..	38,339	23,050	61,389
Honorary (no benefit) .. ..	..	..	2,440	2,099	4,539
Grand Total .. ..	..	..	225,291	40,768	266,059

During the five years ended June, 1950, there was a net decrease of 6,396 in the number of members contributing for sick and funeral benefits; this decrease was about 3·1 per cent. of the number of such members at the beginning of the period.

The total funds, exclusive of those of dispensaries, increased during the period of five years ended June, 1950, by £1,003,330, or slightly less than 12 per cent. The funds at the end of the period amounted to £8,380,923. The funds are well invested, the average rate of interest obtained on the sick and funeral funds during 1949-50 being 3·77 per cent. Since 1940-41 there has been a fall of 0·67 per cent. in the rate of interest; this is due mainly to a decrease in mortgage investments and a corresponding increase in investments in Stock and Debentures.

The total assets of the dispensaries at the end of 1949-50 amounted to £339,971.

Separate funds to provide for payments to members in respect of periods of accommodation and maintenance in hospital of members and their dependants have been established by all societies with the exception of a few small societies, dividing societies and societies of a special nature. The benefit payments made from these funds in 1949-50 amounted to £22,238.

The statement which follows contains information (exclusive of that relating to dispensaries) in regard to Friendly Societies in Victoria for the five years 1945-46 to 1949-50.

There are juvenile branches connected with some of the societies, but the information in regard to these has not been considered of sufficient importance to be included hereunder :—

VICTORIAN FRIENDLY SOCIETIES—MEMBERSHIP, RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURE, AND FUNDS, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
Number of societies	109	111	112	107	108
Number of branches	1,463	1,465	1,463	1,460	1,449
Number of sick and funeral benefit members at end of year ..	204,513	205,955	205,433	203,297	200,131
Number of medical benefit members (including widows) at end of year ..	34,527	37,463	45,478	58,154	61,389
Number of members who received sick pay	47,711	48,909	47,723	48,680	44,565
Weeks for which sick pay was allowed	482,535	503,698	503,159	503,005	493,140
Deaths of sick and funeral benefit members	2,759	2,421	2,342	2,455	2,506
Deaths of wives entitled to funeral benefits	681	708	721	653	647
Receipts—	£	£	£	£	£
Sick and Funeral Funds and Endowment Funds	529,391	523,981	539,616	528,196	526,680
Medical and Management Funds	539,145	570,435	588,810	626,846	704,889
Other Funds	215,961	202,952	235,003	475,121	417,376
Less inter-fund transfers	— 47,945	— 60,497	— 92,348	— 143,152	— 143,796
Total receipts	1,236,552	1,236,871	1,271,081	1,487,011	1,505,149
Expenditure—					
Sick and Funeral Funds and Endowment Funds	351,601	379,574	400,475	460,353	422,301
Medical and Management Funds	529,375	563,181	569,959	608,226	688,860
Other Funds	212,226	199,389	246,673	258,841	330,038
Less inter-fund transfers	— 47,945	— 60,497	— 92,348	— 143,152	— 143,796
Total Expenditure	1,045,257	1,081,647	1,124,759	1,184,268	1,297,403
Excess of Receipts over Expenditure	191,295	155,224	146,322	302,743	207,746
Amount of Funds—					
Sick and Funeral Funds and Endowment Funds	6,078,741	6,223,148	6,362,289	6,430,132	6,534,511
Medical and Management Funds	357,802	365,056	383,907	402,527	418,556
Other Funds	1,132,345	1,135,908	1,124,238	1,340,518	1,427,856
Total Funds	7,568,888	7,724,112	7,870,434	8,173,177	8,380,923
Disposal of Funds—					
Amounts Invested—					
Sick and Funeral Funds and Endowment Funds	6,062,292	6,196,752	6,341,716	6,413,035	6,514,295
Medical and Management Funds	346,545	353,126	377,042	395,860	412,822
Other Funds	1,104,114	1,108,206	1,116,208	1,321,718	1,406,209
Amounts uninvested—					
All Funds	55,937	66,028	35,468	42,564	47,597

NOTE.—The figures given above for "Other Funds" include all monetary transactions of societies other than ordinary friendly societies.

During the twelve months ended June, 1950, the societies lost by secession 13,636 sick and funeral benefit members; this was equal to about 6·7 per cent. of the membership at the beginning of that period. The corresponding rates of secession in 1945-46, 1946-47, 1947-48, and 1948-49 were 6·2, 7·1, 5·8, and 6·5 respectively. As a rule, most of the secessions were those of new members who allowed their membership to lapse before they had time to appreciate its value. The cost of management per member in the year 1949-50 was 19s. 1d. This was 11d. more than the cost in the year 1948-49.

The following statement shows in regard to members of societies (other than dividing societies and societies of a special nature) the average number of effective members, and the number of weeks of sickness in respect of which claims for sick-pay were granted for the years 1930-31, 1935-36, 1940-41, and for each of the last five years. The statement also shows the number of weeks of sickness per effective member, the number of deaths of members, and the number of deaths per 1,000 effective members:—

VICTORIAN FRIENDLY SOCIETIES—SICKNESS AND MORTALITY EXPERIENCE.

Year.	Average Number of Effective Members.*	Weeks of Sickness.		Deaths.		
		Number.	Per Average Effective Member.*	Number.	Per 1,000 Average Effective Members.*	
		Weeks.	Weeks. Days.			
<i>Male Societies.†</i>						
1930-31	..	129,596	345,687	2 4	1,331	10·27
1935-36	..	134,336	432,467	3 1	1,671	12·44
1940-41	..	149,733	467,680	3 1	2,000	13·36
1945-46	..	158,132	426,218	2 4	2,492	15·76
1946-47	..	158,120	448,770	2 5	2,162	13·67
1947-48	..	159,170	449,090	2 5	2,045	12·85
1948-49	..	158,570	451,049	2 5	2,128	13·42
1949-50	..	155,821	440,838	2 5	2,225	14·28
<i>Female Sections and a Female Society.</i>						
1930-31	..	10,897	22,250	2 0	51	4·68
1935-36	..	12,761	30,553	2 2	56	4·39
1940-41	..	15,342	37,293	2 3	84	5·48
1945-46	..	15,885	34,779	2 1	91	5·73
1946-47	..	14,951	35,614	2 2	80	5·35
1947-48	..	14,123	35,785	2 3	106	7·51
1948-49	..	13,344	34,237	2 3	109	8·17
1949-50	..	12,580	33,790	2 4	87	6·92

* Effective members are those entitled to claim sick and funeral benefits.

† Under this sub-heading are included particulars relating to female members of societies which have not separate sick funds for female members.

The average period of sickness per effective male member increased from two weeks four days in 1930-31 to three weeks two days in 1934-35. Then there was a gradual fall to two weeks four days in 1942-43. This average period was maintained until 1946-47 when there was an increase to two weeks five days. There has been no alteration in subsequent years.

The trend of sickness per average effective female member followed closely that of male members during the corresponding period.

**Friendly
Societies'
Dispensaries.**

At the end of 1949-50 there were 33 United Friendly Societies' Dispensaries registered, under the Friendly Societies Acts of Victoria, as separate friendly societies. There was also one society consisting of these registered friendly societies' dispensaries. The chief object for which the dispensaries are established is to provide the societies with a means of supplying medicine and medical and surgical appliances to their members and to persons claiming through members. The number of members connected with the dispensaries at the end of 1949-50 was 142,302. As the greater portion of the receipts and expenditure of the dispensaries are interwoven with those of the medical and management funds of the ordinary friendly societies, they are not given here.

The assets and liabilities of the dispensaries at the end of 1949-50 amounted to £339,971 and £29,335 respectively. The assets consisted of freehold property, £147,094; stock, fittings, and sundry debtors, £135,150; cash, £30,568; and securities, £27,159. The liabilities consisted of sundry creditors, £16,821; bank overdrafts, £4,514; and mortgages, £8,000.

FACTORIES AND SHOPS.

**Labour
legislation.**

The earliest attempt at regulating the conditions of labour in Victoria was made by the passing of an Act dated 11th November, 1873, forbidding the employment of any female in a factory for more than eight hours in any day. This Act defined "factory" to be a place where not fewer than ten persons were working. Since 1873 the definition of "factory" has been broadened until now it includes any place in which mechanical power exceeding one-half horse power is in use or in which four or more persons are engaged in any handicraft or in preparing articles for trade or sale. In some circumstances, notably where bread or pastry is baked for trade or sale, or where a process involving the use of a compound of lead is employed, one or more persons constitutes a factory even where no mechanical power is used. The general recognition of the necessity of securing the health, comfort, and safety of the workers has been expressed in many further legislative enactments.

The industrial legislation included in the Factories and Shops Acts has been revised and amended from time to time and the most important of the amendments have been noted in earlier editions of the *Year-Book*.

**Number of
Factories.**

At December, 1950, there were 15,305 factories registered in which 305,066 persons were employed as compared with 14,976 factories employing 292,667 persons in 1949.

**Closing Hours
of Shops.**

The hours for closing of shops fixed under the Factories and Shops Acts in both metropolitan and country districts, as defined in the said Acts, were published in the *Year-Book* 1945-46. There were no alterations during 1950.

**Registration
of shops.**

Registration of shops became compulsory as from 1st March, 1915. At the end of that year there were 26,401 registered shops with 25,632 employees. The annual registration fee, which is based on the number of persons employed in the shop, varies from 2s. 6d. to £10.

Registered shops are divided into 25 classes. During the year 1950, there was an increase compared with 1949 of 66 shops, and an increase of 1,149 workers. Particulars of the shops registered and numbers of workers therein are given below:—

**VICTORIA—SHOPS REGISTERED AND NUMBERS OF PERSONS
WORKING THEREIN, 1950 (INCLUDING SHOPKEEPERS
AND MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILIES).**

Class of Shop.	Port Phillip Region.		Other Regions.		Whole State.	
	Number of Shops.	Number of Workers.	Number of Shops.	Number of Workers.	Number of Shops.	Number of Workers.
Bread, Confectionery and Pastry ..	4,599	11,152	1,787	4,384	6,286	15,536
Booksellers, Newsagents ..	1,040	2,727	346	962	1,386	3,689
Boot Dealers ..	371	1,308	240	607	611	1,915
Boot Repairers ..	566	714	308	390	874	1,104
Butchers ..	1,299	4,140	684	2,263	1,983	6,403
Chemists ..	620	2,418	348	1,172	968	3,590
Crockery ..	77	241	4	6	81	247
Cycle and Motor, and Motor Requisites	1,164	3,964	1,308	3,653	2,472	7,617
Dairy Produce and Cooked Meat ..	732	1,889	168	456	900	2,345
Drapery and Men's Clothing ..	2,971	18,074	1,063	4,307	4,034	22,381
Electrical and Radio ..	469	1,449	329	744	798	2,193
Fancy Goods Dealers ..	434	2,711	130	886	564	3,597
Fish ..	372	791	77	162	449	953
Florists ..	412	882	96	209	508	1,091
Fruit and Vegetable ..	1,621	3,400	697	1,826	2,318	5,226
Fuel and Fodder ..	700	1,479	230	640	930	2,119
Furniture ..	491	2,484	197	752	688	3,236
Grocers ..	3,297	8,215	2,237	8,685	5,534	16,900
Hairdressers ..	1,717	4,132	836	1,641	2,553	5,773
Hardware ..	867	3,876	509	1,900	1,376	5,776
Jewellery ..	330	963	170	414	500	1,377
Leather Goods ..	164	390	117	173	281	563
Musical Instruments ..	35	351	24	62	59	413
Tobacconists ..	1,161	1,928	261	447	1,422	2,375
Mixed Trades and Shops not classified	1,475	3,276	714	1,686	2,189	4,962
Total 1950* ..	26,984	82,954	12,880	38,427	39,864	121,381
Total 1949* ..	27,007	82,010	12,791	38,222	39,798	120,232

* Since 1946 figures have been compiled in relation to the thirteen regions adopted by the Central Planning Authority. It is not practicable now to publish figures for the Metropolitan District alone as the Port Phillip Region includes the whole of such Metropolitan District and several adjoining Municipalities in addition.

**Wages
Boards.**

The Wages Board method of fixing wages and of settling the conditions of employment had its origin in Victoria and was incorporated in an Act of Parliament introduced in the year 1896. A Board may be appointed for any trade or branch thereof. Each Board shall consist of not less than four nor more than six members and, in addition, a chairman. Originally, each Board was composed of equal numbers of employers and employees, with a qualification that each representative should be actively engaged in the trade concerned. However, under the provisions of the *Factories and Shops Act* 1934, this qualification was modified to permit of a paid officer of any corporation, public body, or association of employers being nominated as one of the members to represent employers and, if such officer is appointed, then one of the representatives of the employees on that Board shall likewise be an officer of the trade union concerned.

The Act of 1934 empowers a Board to determine that the wages rates and piecework prices fixed in any determination made by it shall be automatically adjusted, at prescribed periods, to accord as nearly as practicable with the variation in the cost of living, as indicated by such retail price index-numbers published by the Commonwealth Statistician as the Board considers appropriate. This Act, as amended by the *Factories and Shops Act* 1936, also provides that where, under any Commonwealth Act, the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration or a Conciliation Commissioner makes or has made an award with respect to employers and employees in any industry, the Wages Board for every trade concerned, as soon as may be, shall incorporate in any of its determinations those provisions of such award which the Board is, under the *Factories and Shops Acts*, empowered to include.

The *Factories and Shops Act* 1936 gives Wages Boards the same powers relating to wages and conditions of labour as those incorporated in the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act. These powers enable Wages Boards to make determinations that are not inconsistent with awards of the Commonwealth Arbitration Court. Any Wages Board has now the power to determine any industrial matter whatsoever in relation to any trade or branch of trade for which such board has been appointed and, in particular, to determine all matters relating to—

- (a) work and days and hours of work ;
- (b) pay, wages and reward ;
- (c) privileges, rights and duties of employers and employees ;
- (d) the mode, terms and conditions of employment or non-employment ;
- (e) the relations of employers and employees ;
- (f) the employment or non-employment of persons of any sex or age ;

- (g) the demarcation of functions of any employees or class of employees ; and
- (h) all questions of what is fair and right in relation to any industrial matter having regard to the interests of the persons immediately concerned and of society as a whole.

Wages Boards are not empowered to determine any matter relating to the preferential employment or dismissal of persons as being or as not being members of any organization, association, or body.

On 31st December, 1950 there were 210 Wages Boards existent or authorized, affecting about 380,000 employees.

THE BASIC WAGE.

The first basic wage, as such, was declared in 1907 by Mr. Justice Higgins, President of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration. The rate of wage declared was 7s. per day or £2 2s. per week for Melbourne, and by virtue of the fact that it had been determined in connexion with H. V. McKay's Sunshine Harvester Works it became popularly known as the "Harvester Wage."

In 1913 the Court took cognizance of the Retail Price Index-Numbers compiled by the Commonwealth Statistician covering food, groceries, and the rent of all houses ("A" series), and thereafter the basic wage was adjusted in accordance with variations disclosed by that index.

An amount known as the "Powers three shillings" was added in 1922 to the weekly rate of wage for the purpose of securing to the worker, during a period of rising prices, the full equivalent of the "Harvester" standard. The system of making regular quarterly adjustments of the basic wage was also instituted in that year.

In 1931, in view of the depressed financial conditions prevailing, the Court reduced all wages under its jurisdiction by 10 per cent.

In consequence of continued applications from organizations of employees for the cancellation of the order providing for the 10 per cent. reduction, the Court, in its judgement of 5th May, 1933, transferred the basis of fixation and adjustment of wages to a new set of Index Numbers—Harvester—All Items Index ("D" Series). This award was made applicable only to workers who had suffered the full 10 per cent. reduction.

The judgement of the Arbitration Court relative to the Basic Wage Inquiry of 1934 ordered a vital change in the method of calculating the basic wage. The "Harvester" standard supplemented by the "Powers three shillings" was superseded by the "All Items" Index Numbers ("C" Series) as the measure for assessment and adjustment of the basic wage and the 10 per cent. reduction of wages—mentioned above—was removed.

As a result of the Basic Wage Inquiry of 1937, the Arbitration Court prepared and issued its own series of retail price index numbers. This is based upon and corresponds with the Commonwealth Statistician's "All Items" series, but it is specially numbered for convenience in the adjustment of the basic wage. Provision was also made for the addition of a "fixed loading" of six shillings to the existing wage, payable in two instalments.

Applications by organizations of employees for an increase in the basic wage prescribed by awards of the Arbitration Court were considered at the Basic Wage Inquiry of 1940-41. The Court was of the opinion that the application should not be dismissed but should stand over for further consideration.

Pending the hearing and final determination of the claims which had already been lodged and of such claims as may in the near future be lodged by unions in respect of their several awards for a full review of the basic wage, the Arbitration Court, in its Basic Wage (Interim) Inquiry of 13th December, 1946, decided that, by way of interim award or interim order for variation as may be appropriate in each case, there shall be an immediate increase of 7s. per week in the present "needs" portion (93s.) of the Court's basic wage for the Weighted Average index number of the Six Capital Cities for the September quarter 1946.

The Arbitration Court, as a result of the Basic Wage Inquiry of 1949-50, decided to increase the basic wage by 20s. per week. At the same time the "prosperity" loading was incorporated in the new wage at a uniform amount throughout Australia of 5s. As a result the basic wage payable in Melbourne was increased by 19s. per week as from the first full pay period after 1st December, 1950. The female basic wage was increased from 54 per cent. to 75 per cent. of the male rate.

Basic weekly rates of wage in Melbourne for the years 1929 to 1938 are shown on page 374 of the 1946-47 *Year-Book*. The following table outlines the changes since March, 1939.

MELBOURNE—BASIC WEEKLY WAGE. (Adult Males.)

Commencing Date.	Basic Wage.	Commencing Date.	Basic Wage.
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
1939—		1948—	
March	3 19 0	February	5 13 0
June	4 1 0	May	5 15 0
December	4 0 0	August	5 17 0
1940—		November	6 0 0
February	4 1 0	1949—	
May	4 2 0	February	6 3 0
August	4 4 0	May	6 5 0
1941—		August	6 8 0
February	4 6 0	November	6 10 0
May	4 7 0	1950—	
November	4 8 0	February	6 14 0
1942—		May	6 17 0
February	4 9 0	August	7 0 0
May	4 12 0	November	7 3 0
August	4 14 0	December†	8 2 0
November	4 17 0	1951—	
1943—		February	8 10 0
February	4 18 0	May	8 17 0
August	4 19 0	August	9 9 0
November	4 18 0	November	9 19 0
1944—		1952—	
February	4 17 0	February	10 9 0
August	4 18 0	May	10 12 0
1946—		August	11 4 0
August	4 19 0	November	11 8 0
December*	5 6 0	1953—	
1947—		February	11 9 0
February	5 7 0		
August	5 8 0		
November	5 9 0		

* Increased by interim judgment.

† Increase due to Basic Wage Inquiry.

Basic Wage— Prior to 1934, the basic wage for Victoria differed only slightly from that for Melbourne. In its judgment in **Outside Metropolitan Area.** that year, the Court made special reference to the basic wage payable in industries outside the metropolitan area, and it ruled that, except in certain specified districts where the cost of living appeared to be correctly indicated by the local "All Items" Index Numbers, or where known circumstances indicated that the general rule should not apply, the basic wage for provincial places should be a constant three shillings per week less than that for the metropolitan district in the same State. Special provision was made also for assessing or adjusting the wage in certain places.

RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

Retail Price
Index-
Numbers—
“C” Series.

The “C” Series (all items) of retail price index-numbers for Melbourne is compiled by the Commonwealth Statistician. This series comprises the costs of food, groceries, rents of four and five-roomed houses, clothing, and miscellaneous expenditure, and is applied to the majority of awards of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration in accordance with its judgment of 17th April, 1934. It was superseded by an index number of the Court’s own construction as described in the Report of the “Basic Wage Inquiry, 1937”. The weighted average for the six Capital Cities during the five-yearly period, 1923–27, expressed as 1,000, is the basis of comparison in the following table :—

MELBOURNE—RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS, “C”
SERIES, “ALL ITEMS,” 1914–1951.

Period.	Retail Price Index-Numbers Household Expenditure. “All Items.”	Year.	Retail Price Index-Numbers Household Expenditure. “All Items.”
November, 1914 ..	671	1939	924
November, 1921 ..	1003	1940	964
Years 1923–1927 ..	990	1941	1008
1929 ..	1017	1942	1100
1930 ..	956	1943	1139
1931 ..	846	1944	1135
1932 ..	813	1945	1135
1933 ..	789	1946	1149
1934 ..	801	1947	1188
1935 ..	824	1948	1294
1936 ..	844	1949	1415
1937 ..	868	1950	1565
1938 ..	896	1951	1880

APPRENTICESHIP COMMISSION.

Under the *Apprenticeship Act* 1928 (No. 3636), which was proclaimed on 8th May, 1928, an Apprenticeship Commission was appointed to administer the Act and to supervise apprenticeship in trades proclaimed as apprenticeship trades thereunder.

The proclaimed apprenticeship trades, and the number of probationers and apprentices employed under the Act on 30th June in each of the years 1947 to 1950 are shown in the following table:—

VICTORIA—PROCLAIMED APPRENTICESHIP TRADES
1947 TO 1950.

Trade.	Number of Probationers and Apprentices Employed under Act on 30th June—			
	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
Plumbing and Gasfitting ..	885	957	927	992
Carpentry and Joinery ..	1,037	1,209	1,286	1,521
Painting, Decorating, and Sign- writing	235	274	220	223
Plastering	31	25	18	17
Printing	1,063	986	869	860
Electrical	1,188	1,259	1,264	1,284
Motor Mechanics	713	761	778	942
Bootmaking	448	456	367	329
Moulding	178	155	116	87
Engineering	2,368	2,255	2,137	1,980
Fibrous Plastering	122	149	131	121
Boilermaking and/or Steel Con- struction	162	138	93	67
Sheet Metal	169	156	138	116
Bread Making and Baking ..	106	108	85	78
Pastrycooking	106	129	102	91
Butchering and/or Small Goods Making	438	428	355	312
Cooking	8	9	12	14
Hairdressing	983	894	832	746
Aircraft Mechanics	2	41	43	49
Bricklaying	10	22	25	31
Electroplating	1	11	14	19
Dental Mechanics .. .. .	..	3	9	19
Watchmaking .. .. .	..	..	8	14
Total	10,253	10,425	9,829	9,912

Since the inception of the Commission, 14,904 apprentices have completed their terms of apprenticeship.

The following table shows the trades or groups of trades which have been proclaimed together with the date and area of proclamation in respect of each trade :—

VICTORIA—APPRENTICESHIP TRADES PROCLAIMED.

Trade.	Area.	Date of Proclamation.
<i>Building Trades.</i>		
Plumbing and Gasfitting	Metropolitan	10.10.28
	Ballarat and Geelong	23.3.38
	Remainder of State	27.7.49
Carpentry and Joinery	Metropolitan	28.11.28
	Remainder of State	9.7.47
Painting, Decorating, and Signwriting	Metropolitan	28.11.28
Plastering	Metropolitan	28.11.28
Fibrous Plastering	Metropolitan	17.2.37
Bricklaying	Metropolitan	18.12.46
<i>Metal Trades.</i>		
Engineering	Metropolitan	1.4.36
	Geelong	25.6.41
	Remainder of State	7.11.45
Electrical Mechanic	Metropolitan	17.7.29
	Remainder of State	1.11.44
Electrical Fitter and Armature Winder	Metropolitan	17.7.29
	Remainder of State	12.5.48
Motor Mechanics	Metropolitan	5.3.30
	Remainder of State	30.3.49
Moulding	Metropolitan	13.1.32
Boilermaking	Metropolitan	1.12.37
Sheet Metal	Metropolitan	25.5.38
Electroplating	Metropolitan	7.5.47
Aircraft Mechanic	Whole State	16.10.46
<i>Food Trades.</i>		
Bread	Metropolitan	14.12.38
Pastrycooking	Metropolitan	14.12.38
Butchering	Metropolitan	11.10.39
Cooking	Metropolitan	8.5.40
<i>Miscellaneous.</i>		
Bootmaking Trades	Metropolitan	13.1.32
Printing and Allied Trades	Metropolitan	27.2.29
	Remainder of State	25.6.41
Hairdressing	Metropolitan	3.12.41
Dental Mechanic	Metropolitan	10.12.47
Watchmaking	Metropolitan	3.11.48

NOTES.—1. "Metropolitan District" is as defined by Proclamation under the Apprenticeship Acts. 2. Some Proclamations have been varied from time to time.

THE COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE.

The Commonwealth Employment Service was established under Section 47 of the Commonwealth Re-Establishment and Employment Act of 1945, and commenced operations on 1st May, 1946.

The principal function of the Commonwealth Employment Service is to provide a central agency whereby labour supply and resources, and the demand for labour are brought together. With this is combined a counselling function primarily intended to assist juveniles in their choice of a career, but which is available to all seeking assistance in obtaining the work to which they are best suited. This approach involves the careful matching of the attributes and experience of people seeking work to the requirements of particular jobs, and so not only assures the worker of the best possible placement, but ensures that employers will have offered to them workers who are the most suited amongst those available for the particular positions to be filled.

The counselling service is also aimed to aid employers proposing to establish or expand their enterprises in different localities by providing advice on the prospects of obtaining suitable labour.

Another major function of the Service is to provide data for the planning of national policies for full employment. For the discharge of this "full employment" function and the counselling function the Employment Service compiles detailed information on all aspects of the labour market and analyses trends in industries, occupations and localities. Section 48 of the Act sets out the functions in more detail, and refers to special provision which is made for the employment of physically handicapped persons, the re-establishment of ex-servicemen and the like. The Service is available to both employers and employees free of charge.

The Employment Service also has the responsibility for co-operating with the Commonwealth Department of Social Services in the administration of Unemployment and Sickness Benefits under the Social Services Consolidation Act of 1947. The Employment Service applies a "work test" to applicants for Unemployment Benefit to ensure that benefit is paid only to persons for whom no work of a nature they could reasonably be expected to accept is available.

The placement in employment of British and other Migrants arriving in Australia under Government schemes and of Displaced Persons from Europe, brought to Australia under agreement between the Commonwealth Government and the International Refugee Organization, is also a responsibility of the Commonwealth Employment Service.

The Service functions on a decentralized basis within the Employment Division of the Department of labour and National Service and is under the control of a Director of Employment in Melbourne with Regional Head Offices in each of the capital cities. In Victoria

there are 20 District Employment Offices in the metropolitan area and fifteen districts and four branch Employment Offices in country areas. There are also over 100 agents in country centres. They work in conjunction with the District Office responsible for the area in which they are located. Special Offices for dealing with particular types of labour, a Vocational Guidance Section and a Planning and Research Section, are located in the Victorian Regional Director's Office in Melbourne.

Particulars relating to the major activities of the Service during each of the four years ended 30th June, 1950, are given in the following table:—

Details.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49.	1949-50.
Applications for employment* ..	110,861	77,560	77,622	103,601
Number placed in employment ..	53,205	47,887	50,434	74,189
Number of vacancies notified ..	110,410	122,218	134,626	121,847
Vacancies at 30th June ..	29,775	42,531	48,140	47,611

* Includes unemployed persons and persons already in employment who are seeking improved positions.

HOSPITALS AND CHARITIES ACT, 1948.

Hospitals and Charities Commission.

Prior to 1864, Public Hospitals in Victoria were very few, unorganized as a State service, of extremely limited scope and capacity and dependent for finance almost entirely on charitable contributions.

Legislation of 1864 brought in a small measure of State control in that it required all charities to be registered and provided certain rules for the election of Committees, but made no demands for improvement or reform in the service. From 1881 until 1923, centralized control of public hospitals was limited to the activities of a Government-appointed Inspector assisted by an Advisory Council of four other members. The inadequacy of this was apparently realized in 1890, when a Royal Commission on Charitable Institutions recommended "the appointment of a Central Board of Charity to allocate the Government grants to the various districts and have general control of all charities within the colony". This recommendation was not implemented until 1923, when the *Hospitals and Charities Act*, 1922, brought into being the The Charities Board of Victoria. The Board, which commenced to function on 1st July, 1923, consisted of fourteen honorary Members (increased to sixteen in 1939), the Secretary and Chief Executive Officer being the Inspector of Charities. From its inception until 1st July, 1944 (when the "Ministry of Health" Act was proclaimed), the Charities

Board of Victoria came under the Department of the State Treasurer but from that date the Minister of Health became the Governmental authority.

The Board had extensive responsibilities and powers of control over the activities of charities supported by and seeking the voluntary contributions of the public. To increase the usefulness of the Public Hospitals and as an aid in determining the relative amounts of Governmental subsidy to be paid, the Board classified them as Metropolitan and Country, the latter being graded into Base Hospitals (A and B Grades), District Hospitals and Cottage Hospitals. By a system of zoning and the establishment of an adequately equipped Base Hospital in each zone, much was done to improve Hospital facilities.

With the proclamation of the *Hospitals and Charities Act*, 1948, the Charities Board of Victoria ceased to exist and the Hospitals and Charities Commission became its successor. Consisting of three full-time Commissioners (and staff), it assumed office on 15th November, 1948 with an important programme of future development.

**Functions of
Hospitals and
Charities
Commission.**

The Commission's powers and responsibilities include the following :—

1. To recommend payment of Maintenance and Capital subsidies to registered Institutions and Benevolent Societies ;
2. To investigate for the Minister any matters relating to administration under the Act ;
3. To inspect subsidized Institutions and their management ;
4. To temporarily control and administer a Hospital in which the Committee of Management ceased to exist ;
5. To appropriately control the location, accommodation and bed allocation in Hospitals and other institutional building works.
6. To advise upon and approve the erection of new buildings and the alteration of existing ones ;
7. To determine (after consultation with the Nurses' Board) what Hospitals should be used for nurse training and the standards of nursing staff for Hospitals ;
8. To establish preliminary schools for nursing trainees ;
9. To classify Medical Staffs of Hospitals ;
10. To establish and maintain a bureau to assist the admission of patients to Hospitals ;

11. To promote—

- (a) Collective Buying of standard equipment, furnishings and supplies ;
- (b) Administrative Training Scheme ;
- (c) Post-graduate Training of Nurses.

Building. When completed, the Commission's building programme, including new Hospitals and Benevolent Homes and extensions to existing ones, will provide approximately an additional 2,800 beds, boiler houses, nurses' homes and special departments. The programme includes the development of Hospitals on a regional basis, the establishment of group laundries and central training schools for nurses. In addition to this, works to the extent of £15,000,000 are in course of planning and will be commenced progressively as circumstances permit.

Finance. The Hospitals and Charities Fund is established at the Treasury and into it are paid—

- (1) Moneys appropriated by Parliament (now fixed under the *Hospitals and Charities (Fund) Act 1948*, at £800,000) ;
- (2) Special Appropriations by Parliament.

In the year 1949-50 the Government paid £2,391,891 into the Fund for allocation to registered Institutions and Societies. In addition, £807,432 was available from the Commonwealth Hospital Benefits Fund for distribution to Institutions.

In making recommendations to the Minister as to what sums of money from Hospitals and Charities Fund should be paid to each subsidized institution or benevolent society in any financial year, matters such as the following are taken into consideration :—

- (a) The financial position of such institution or benevolent society and the amount likely to be contributed to it during the financial year other than that from the Fund.
- (b) The probable net receipts and expenditure for the financial year.
- (c) The actual number of persons relieved during the preceding financial year.
- (d) The average number of beds (if any) occupied during the preceding financial year and the average cost per bed.
- (e) The average length of stay of each in-patient during the preceding financial year.
- (f) The general conditions and management.

**Hospitals and
Accommo-
dation.**

The growth of Public Hospital services throughout Victoria is indicated by the following table:—

**VICTORIA—POPULATION, NUMBER OF HOSPITALS, AND
NUMBER OF BEDS, 1836 TO 1950.**

Year.	Population (Estimated at 31st December).	Number of Hospitals (functioning).	Number of Beds (Including Private and Intermediate Sections).
1836	224	..	..
1840	10,291	1	20
1850	76,162	1	20
1862	551,338	19	1,037
1870	723,925	26	1,574
1880	858,605	34	2,202
1890	1,133,728	34	2,094
1900	1,196,213	42	2,470
1910	1,301,408	44	2,896
1920	1,527,909	53	3,774
1930	1,792,605	63	4,678
1940	1,914,918	64	7,122
1950	2,231,256	91	8,930

**Number of
Institutions
and Societies.**

At 30th June, 1950, the Commission had on its register 575 institutions and societies as under:—

Hospitals	107
Benevolent Homes and Hostels	40
Children's Homes	47
Foundling and Rescue Homes	19
Organizations for Welfare of Boys and Girls	65
Creches and Kindergartens	76
Bush Nursing Centres	16
Ambulance organizations	46
Relief organizations	109
Miscellaneous organizations	50
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	575

**The Citizen
Welfare
Service of
Victoria.**

Incorporated under the Hospitals and Charities Act, controlled and managed by a Committee elected by contributors each year at the Annual Meeting, maintained entirely by voluntary gifts and inheriting the experience and traditions of the Charity Organization of Melbourne, the Citizens Welfare Service, with the aid of a skilled staff, offers advice and practical help to troubled citizens.

The functions fulfilled by the Citizen Welfare Service are—

- (1) *A Service Relief Agency*, providing appropriate help (other than material aid) to families and individuals finding themselves in any sort of trouble or difficulty which may be eased or removed through experienced advice and friendly service.
- (2) *A Material Relief Agency*, providing material aid (cash or kind) for citizens whose needs cannot be met by any other statutory or voluntary agency.
- (3) *A Casework Agency*, whose skilled investigation and advisory services are available to contributors, to other welfare organizations, and to the community generally.
- (4) *A Citizens Advice Bureau* carried on as a centre of advice or guidance to citizens generally, irrespective of economic position.
- (5) *Student Training*, providing facilities for practical training of students from the University Social Studies Department and from the Presbyterian Deaconess' Training College.

Every client seeking the assistance of the C.W.S. is assured of complete privacy and confidence in his relationship with the agency.

Some of the circumstances which give rise to a need for a skilled casework service are—domestic difficulties which threaten family unity; problems of unmarried or expectant mothers; difficulties created by desertion or death of the bread-winner; financial anxieties arising from money-lending, cash-order, hire purchase, or other debts; problems arising from sickness or injury as, for instance, the need of artificial limbs, invalid chairs and other expensive surgical appliances; circumstances involving the transfer of families or individuals to the country, to other States, or overseas.

The following table shows Receipts and Expenditure, and the number of cases dealt with, during the five years ended on 30th June, 1950 :—

Details.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts	4,598	5,492	5,618	4,999	5,524
Expenditure	3,278	4,782	6,987	4,970	5,697
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Cases dealt with	736	662	872	791	710

PUBLIC HOSPITALS, CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS, ETC.

Information relating to receipts, expenditure, accommodation and inmates of public hospitals and charitable institutions (subsidized) in Victoria during the year ended 31st March, 1950, is contained in the following tables. The numbers, in respect of indoor and outdoor

patients, refer to the "cases" treated and not to persons. It is considered probable that some persons obtained relief or became inmates at more than one establishment, but there is no information upon which an estimate of the number of these duplications can be based.

A detailed statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of institutions appearing under the heading of "Hospitals" below will be found on pages 565 and 566 of this issue :—

VICTORIA—PUBLIC HOSPITALS, CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS, ETC.—RECEIPTS, AND EXPENDITURE, YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1950.

Name of Institution, &c.	Number of Institutions.	Receipts.					Expenditure (inc. cost of Out-patients).
		From Government.	Contributions from—		Other.†	Total Receipts.	
			In-patients or Inmates.	Out-patients.			
HOSPITALS.		£	£	£	£	£	£
Special† ..	9	1,108,137	9,210	73,763	384,768	1,575,878	1,702,110
General Hospitals—							
Metropolitan ..	8	1,245,977	46,950	84,704	307,401	1,685,032	1,899,692
Country ..	71	1,365,861	39,342	47,460	646,529	2,099,192	2,182,672
Auxiliary* ..	3	150,203	5,723	2,770	19,240	177,936	189,342
Fairfield Hospital (Fever division) ..	1	53,590	..	..	48,327	101,917	105,905
Convalescent Homes ..	1	4,384	1,525	..	1,572	7,481	5,778
Sanatoria ..	3	371,904	..	..	..	371,904	371,904
Mental Hospitals and Receiving Houses ..	12	1,499,046	..	..	12,199	1,511,245	1,511,245
Total ..	108	5,799,102	102,750	208,697	1,420,036	7,530,585	7,968,648
OTHER INSTITUTIONS AND SOCIETIES.							
Infants' Homes ..	6	30,757	3,383	..	16,850	50,990	88,561
Children's Homes ..	31	113,446	31,827	..	163,350	308,623	330,921
Maternity Homes ..	3	3,399	8,629	..	2,664	14,692	16,189
Rescue Homes ..	4	3,785	9,352	..	36,339	49,476	53,494
Benevolent Homes ..	9	347,149	70,670	..	53,216	471,035	468,841
Deaf, Dumb, and Blind Institutions ..	2	6,484	5,714	..	129,571	141,769	127,137
Benevolent Societies ..	36	3,450	..	..	6,570	10,020	10,880
Miscellaneous ..	..	261,246	..	..	360,623	621,869	593,233
Total ..	..	769,716	129,575	..	769,183	1,668,474	1,689,256
Grand Total..	..	6,568,818	232,325	208,697	2,189,219	9,199,059	9,657,904

* Includes General Division of Fairfield Hospital

† Special Hospitals are those that have accommodation for specific cases only or for women and/or children exclusively. They comprise :—The Austin (for Cancer and Chronic diseases), Children's, Eye and Ear, Dental, Queen Victoria, Women's, Caritas Christi Hospice (for the Dying), Talbot Colony for Epileptics and Airlie (Maternity).

‡ Includes receipts from the intermediate and private sections of Public Hospitals.

§ Includes £79,507 for Mental Defectives' Branch.

NOTE.—Receipts and Expenditure of Fairfield Hospital (fever division), Sanatoria and Mental Hospitals and Receiving Houses are for year ended 30th June, 1950.

VICTORIA—RECEIPTS OF PUBLIC HOSPITALS AND SANATORIA DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1950.

Institution.	Receipts.						
	Maintenance Receipts.				Capital Receipts.		Total Receipts.
	Government.	Contributions from In-patients and Out-patients.	Intermediate and Private Patients Section.	Other.	Government.	Other.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
METROPOLITAN.							
Special Hospitals—							
Airlie	6,387	..	11,122	409	..	654	18,572
Austin	195,514	270	16,425	24,033	79,005	51,333	366,580
Caritas Christi	5,000	3,173	..	4,035	..	..	12,208
Children's	156,920	15,426	..	159,595	28,440	9,000	360,381
Dental	13,000	26,369	..	2,240	724	..	42,333
Queen Victoria	226,464	14,524	32,422	18,370	69,229	9,933	370,942
Talbot Colony	9,700	63	..	4,653	..	..	14,416
Eye and Ear	43,221	15,892	..	13,350	420	5,535	78,418
Women's	224,835	7,256	..	26,329	49,278	4,330	312,028
Fairfield (Fever Division)*	53,590	..	..	48,327	..	..	101,917
General Hospitals—							
Royal Melbourne	409,484	40,029	2,761	56,233	..	2,493	511,000
Alfred	328,395	40,542	32,250	48,156	53,779	75	503,197
Prince Henry's	128,753	21,410	..	18,039	70,618	2,531	241,351
St. Vincent's	188,311	24,015	6,957	32,674	..	28,177	280,134
Williamstown	12,965	5,277	7,184	3,199	..	1,421	30,046
Dandenong	7,734	304	9,901	2,432	239	1,745	22,355
Oakleigh	2,032	77	5,423	351	510	705	9,098
St. George's	13,594	..	27,422	936	4,521	19	46,492
Box Hill† .. .. .	..	..	..	..	25,042	6,546	31,588
Brighton† .. .. .	..	..	..	..	§	§	§
Preston and Northcote†	..	..	..	..	..	4,193	4,193
Mordiallo† .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	2,398	2,398
Sandringham† .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	3,180	3,180
Auxiliary Hospitals—							
After Care	30,645	4,047	..	13,575	150	787	49,204
Canfield Convalescent	55,345	3,954	..	4,019	10,708	..	74,026
Fairfield (General Division)	53,355	492	..	859	..	..	54,706
COUNTRY.							
Base Hospitals (12)	657,799	61,252	161,024	92,676	193,789	17,752	1,184,292
General Hospitals (59)	417,244	25,550	196,233	114,353	97,029	64,491	914,900
Total Hospitals..	3,240,287	309,922	509,124	679,843	683,481	217,298	5,639,955
Convalescent Homes	4,384	1,525	..	1,572	..	..	7,481
Santorias (Tuberculosis)*	222,198	..	..	..	149,706	..	371,904
Mental Hospitals and Receiving Houses*	1,224,233	..	..	12,199	274,813	..	1,511,245‡
Grand Total	4,691,102	311,447	509,124	693,614	1,108,000	217,298	7,530,585

* Year ended 30th June, 1950.

† Grants and contributions during 1949-50 towards the establishment of hospitals in these localities.

‡ Includes £79,507 for Mental Defectives' Branch.

§ Not available.

VICTORIA—EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC HOSPITALS AND SANATORIA DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1950.

Institution.	Expenditure.						
	In-patients, Expenditure on—			Out-patients, Total Aggregate Cost.	Total Cost of all patients.	Capital Expenditure.	Total Expenditure.
	Salaries and Wages.	Other Inc. Extraordinary Exp.	Total.				
METROPOLITAN.	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Special Hospitals—							
Airlie	10,081	7,966	18,047	..	18,047	1,733	19,780
Austin	135,364	94,358	229,722	..	229,722	95,471	325,193
Caritas Christi	10,815	8,059	18,874	..	18,874	..	18,874
Children's	183,285	104,153	287,438	77,180	364,618	70,835	435,453
Dental† .. .. .	..	..	..	46,781	46,781	1,031	47,812
Queen Victoria	168,997	101,446	270,443	34,370	304,813	94,824	399,637
Talbot Colony	10,547	7,887	18,434	..	18,434	..	18,434
Eye and Ear	31,217	18,038	49,255	25,265	74,520	40,120	114,640
Women's.. .. .	136,468	93,667	230,135	27,351	257,486	64,801	322,287
Fairfield (Fever Division)*	65,803	40,102	105,905	..	105,905	..	105,905
General Hospitals—							
Royal Melbourne	254,001	166,146	420,147	105,456	525,603	99,225	624,828
Alfred	217,050	164,127	381,177	102,335	483,512	55,461	538,973
Prince Henry's	71,619	51,463	123,082	35,264	158,346	175,358	333,704
St. Vincent's	113,154	81,012	194,166	51,951	246,117	11,320	257,437
Williamstown	14,063	10,615	24,678	1,407	26,085	727	26,812
Dandenong	12,556	8,071	20,627	35	20,662	799	21,461
Oakleigh	4,472	2,487	6,959	..	6,959	1,426	8,385
St. George's	29,599	11,840	41,439	..	41,439	4,521	45,960
Box Hill .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	42,132	42,132
Brighton .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Preston and Northcote .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mordialloc .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sandringham .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Auxiliary Hospitals—							
After Care	25,488	14,731	40,219	11,714	51,933	300	52,233
Caulfield Convalescent	45,937	26,745	72,682	..	72,682	6,900	79,582
Fairfield (General Division)	34,584	22,943	57,527	..	57,527	..	57,527
COUNTRY.							
Base Hospitals (12)	550,914	362,656	913,570	52,483	966,053	300,269	1,266,322
General Hospitals (59)	440,994	295,435	736,429	4,470	740,899	175,451	916,350
Total Hospitals..	2,567,008	1,693,947	4,260,955	576,062	4,837,017	1,242,704	6,079,721
Convalescent Hospitals Sanatoria (Tuberculosis)*	3,597	2,181	5,778	..	5,778	..	5,778
Mental Hospitals and Receiving Houses*	116,103	106,095	222,198	..	222,198	149,706	371,904
.. .. .	663,421	573,011	1,236,432	..	1,236,432	274,813	1,511,245†
Grand Total ..	3,350,129	2,375,234	5,725,363	576,062	6,301,425	1,667,223	7,968,648

* Year ended 30th June, 1950. † The Dental Hospital caters for out-patients only.

‡ Includes £79,507 for Mental Defectives' Branch.

**Income of
Charitable
Institutions.**

The receipts of hospitals and charitable institutions in the State under various headings for the year ended 31st March, 1950, are shown hereunder :—

**VICTORIA—SOURCES OF INCOME OF PUBLIC HOSPITALS,
CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS, ETC., 1949-50.**

Receipts.	Hospitals.		Infants' Homes.	Children's Homes.	Maternity and Rescue Homes.	Benevolent Homes.	Other Institutions.	Total.
	Public.	Convalescent, Mental,* and Sanatoria.*						
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Government Grants including Hospital Benefits Fund ..	3,923,768	1,875,334	21,880	50,950	5,712	347,149	271,180	6,495,973
Child Endowment ..	..	..	8,877	62,496	1,472	..	..	72,845
Municipal Grants and Contributions. ..	75,635	116	266	611	85	1,095	92,277	170,085
Annual Subscriptions	69,154	201	898	8,249	..	4,448	80,745	163,695
Proceeds of Entertainments ..	94,665	..	2,233	6,113	..	4,103	20,987	128,101
Collections, Donations, Legacies, and Bequests ..	427,356	394	7,077	90,304	4,368	27,867	59,795	617,161
Hospital Sunday and Lord Mayor's Fund	47,560	295	1,800	3,410	539	4,929	431	58,964
Contributions of In-patients of Inmates	101,225	1,525	3,383	31,827	17,981	70,670	5,714	232,325
Contributions from Outpatients ..	208,697	..	..	..	..	..	..	208,697
Proceeds of Inmates' Labour ..	..	..	..	26,207	33,524	..	20,079	79,810
Income from Investments ..	55,673	202	2,958	18,483	458	4,655	17,799	100,228
Fees from Intermediate and Private Patients ..	509,124	..	..	..	..	..	..	509,124
Other Sources ..	127,098	12,563	1,618	9,973	29	6,119	204,651	362,051
Total ..	5,639,955	1,890,630	50,990	308,623	64,168	471,035	773,658	9,199,059

* Year ended 30th June.

NOTE—Children's Welfare Department is not included in above table.

**Charitable
Institutions—
receipts and
expenditure.**

Information relating to the receipts and expenditure of charitable institutions during each year of the period 1946-50, is given in the following table. For the year ended 31st March, 1950, Government Grants and Child Endowment represented 71.41 per cent. of the total receipts; municipal grants and payments 1.85 per cent; contributions of in-patients, inmates, and out-patients

4.79 per cent. ; charitable contributions (subscriptions, entertainments, collections, Lord Mayor's Fund &c.) 10.52 per cent. ; and receipts from all other sources 11.43 per cent.

VICTORIA—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC HOSPITALS, CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS, ETC., 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—			Nine Months ended 31st March.	Year ended 31st March.
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Receipts.</i>					
Government Grants	2,608,268	2,710,731	3,133,037	3,884,988	6,495,973
Hospital Benefits Fund	247,632	592,259	576,864	*	*
Child Endowment	59,367	58,153	58,402	43,439	72,845
Municipal Grants and Contributions	152,612	133,592	154,823	139,219	170,085
Patients' and Inmates' Contributions	537,356	403,027	484,856	455,280	441,022
Annual Subscriptions	130,033	151,256	163,038	126,624	163,695
Entertainments, &c.	94,597	107,223	123,507	75,583	128,101
Collections, Donations, Legacies, and Bequests	554,460	662,287	655,404	372,781	617,161
Hospital Sunday and Lord Mayor's Fund	60,351	58,097	56,763	57,138	58,964
Income from Investments	73,414	80,926	97,498	77,081	100,228
Proceeds of Inmates' Labour	60,533	61,601	75,742	55,937	79,810
Intermediate and Private Section of Public Hospitals	318,393	382,198	415,823	325,955	509,124
Other Sources	549,178	621,616	715,072	280,842	362,051
Total Receipts	5,446,194	6,022,966	6,710,829	5,894,867	9,199,059
<i>Expenditure.</i>					
Maintenance (In-patients or In-mates)	3,995,408	4,700,435	5,400,241	4,933,236	6,987,860
Out-patients (Public Hospitals)	286,274	330,981	412,381	369,243	576,519
Extraordinary	58,261	116,163	54,103	49,477	95,777
Capital (Building etc.)	414,505	550,710	767,929	1,007,473	1,997,748
Total Expenditure	4,754,448	5,698,289	6,634,654	6,359,429	9,657,904

* Included in Government Grants.

NOTE.—Children's Welfare Department is not included in above table.

Accommodation and Inmates.

The next table shows the normal bed provision and the actual number of inmates maintained in institutions during the year ended 31st March, 1950.

VICTORIA—PUBLIC HOSPITALS, CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS, ETC., ACCOMMODATION AND INMATES, 1949-50.

Institution.	Number of Beds in—		Daily Average of occupied Beds in Public Section.	Total Treated in—		Out-patients (including Casualties) Persons Treated.
	Public Section.	Intermediate and Private Section.		Public Section.	Intermediate and Private Section.	
Special Hospitals—						
Airlie ..	1	27	0.2	7	1,011	..
Austin ..	432	72	256.4	1,361	1,659	..
Caritas Christi Hospice ..	50	..	44.3	212	..	..
Children's ..	468	..	412.7	8,149	..	32,301
Dental ..	..	..	..	..	..	18,063
Queen Victoria ..	246	65	283.0	7,137	1,928	20,466
Talbot Colony for Epileptics ..	138	..	101.3	128	..	..
Eye and Ear ..	113	..	74.0	3,091	22	58,882
Women's ..	354	..	218.1	12,070	..	18,760
Fairfield (Fever Division)† ..	472	..	72.0	2,077	..	..
General Hospitals—						
Royal Melbourne ..	541	10	477.5	10,293	119	53,437
Alfred ..	405	100	392.3	7,674	2,367	51,020
Prince Henry's ..	209	..	181.1	4,154	42	19,587
St. Vincent's ..	291	26	283.7	4,729	411	40,380
Williamstown ..	38	22	26.9	630	616	2,476
Dandenong ..	17	35	10.7	244	935	213
Oakleigh ..	1	16	0.1	1	528	91
St. George's ..	..	84	..	..	1,662	..
Auxiliary Hospitals ..	621	..	466.0	9,384	..	4,044
Country Hospitals ..	2,955	1,593	1,681.8	35,469	38,198	85,023
Convalescent Homes ..	45	..	31.1	510	..	..
Sanatoria† ..	404	..	381.6	774	..	..
Mental Hospitals and Receiving Houses ‡ ..	6,762	..	6,433.0	8,804	..	..
Total Hospitals ..	14,563	2,050	11,827.8	116,898	49,498	404,743
	Number of Beds.		Daily Average.	Accommodated during Year.		
	For Children.	For Adults.		Children.	Adults.	
Infants' Homes ..	458	76	408.1	992	223	..
Children's Homes ..	3,144	..	2,608.7	3,080	..	..
Maternity Homes ..	86	101	112.2	661	681	..
Rescue Homes ..	..	477*	421.5	..	570*	..
Benevolent Homes ..	..	2,593	2,297.4	..	..	4,012
Deaf, Dumb, and Blind Institutions ..	168*	..	267.7	..	302*	..

* Details not available.

† Year ended 30th June, 1950.

‡ Year ended 31st December, 1949.

HOSPITAL BENEFITS SCHEME.

Public Hospitals.

The genesis of the Hospital Benefits Scheme and the main heads of the agreement between the Commonwealth and the State Governments as embodied in the Commonwealth *Hospital Benefits Act* 1945 (No. 47 of 1945) and (so far as Victoria is concerned) the Victorian Hospitals Benefits Act (No. 5101) are set out in pages 481 and 482 of the *Victorian Year-Book* 1943-44.

For the year ended 30th June, 1950, total payments by the Commonwealth to the State amounted to £1,495,348 of which £807,433 was on account of public wards. Since 1st July, 1948, the Hospital Benefits Rate was increased from 6s. to 8s. per day, the whole of which is paid to the public hospitals towards maintenance.

Private Hospitals.

The agreement above-mentioned related wholly to public hospitals but the Commonwealth Act (Section 4) also provided that "the regulations may make provision for and in relation to payments by the Commonwealth of hospital benefits, at such rates and subject to such conditions as are prescribed in respect of patients in private hospitals as defined by the regulations".

Such regulations, which are administered in Victoria by the State Department of Health, provide for hospital benefit at the rate of 8s. per day (as from 1st November, 1948) to be allowed as a deduction from the hospital accounts of qualified patients in approved hospitals.

Payments made to private hospitals in Victoria under the scheme for the year ended 30th June, 1950, amounted to £461,156.

Further information in regard to the scheme appeared on pages 385 and 386 of the *Year-Book* 1946-47.

The following table shows the Hospital Benefit payments by the Commonwealth Government to the State on account of Victorian Hospitals:—

VICTORIA—HOSPITAL BENEFIT PAYMENTS, 1946 TO 1950.

Payments on Account of	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	£	£	£	£	£
Public Hospitals—					
Public Beds ..	309,027*	654,396	641,643	863,186	807,433
Intermediate Beds ..	89,660*	191,486	185,165	196,648	226,759
Total ..	398,687*	845,882	826,808	1,059,834	1,034,192
Private Hospitals ..	91,664†	292,627	309,455	382,430	461,156
Grand Total	490,351	1,138,509	1,136,263	1,442,264	1,495,348

* For the six months ended 30th June, 1946.

† From 18th February to 30th June, 1946.

GENERAL HOSPITALS.

The principal general hospitals in the State are the Royal Melbourne, Alfred, St. Vincent's, and Prince Henry's Hospitals. Descriptive details of the Alfred, St. Vincent's, and Prince Henry's Hospitals will be found on pages 277-279 of the *Year-Book* 1942-43 and of the Royal Melbourne Hospital on page 482 of the *Year-Book* 1943-44. Statistical information for the year ended 31st March, 1950, is contained in tables on pages 565, 566, and 569 of this issue.

Cancer Institute. On 13th December, 1948, the Government approved of the *Cancer Institute Act*, 1948 (No. 5341). That Act provided for the establishment of a Cancer Institute governed by a Board on which is represented the general hospitals, Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria, and the University of Melbourne. This Board was appointed by the Executive Council on the 29th March, 1949. The Act also authorizes the Government to provide finance for capital works and maintenance for the Institute.

Fairfield Hospital. This institution, formerly known as The Queen's Memorial Infectious Diseases Hospital, dates from 1904 when the first patient was admitted. Its early history and later development are recorded in the *Year-Book* 1937-38, page 259.

During the year 1947-48 legislation was enacted enabling the Hospital to treat general medical and surgical patients. At 30th June, 1950, 180 beds were available for patients in the General Division.

The Hospital is an approved training school for nurses in association with other major hospitals, and has a fully-equipped preliminary training school through which all probationer nurses pass before taking up ward duty.

The following table outlines important details relative to the finance and inmates of the Fairfield Hospital during the five years ended 30th June, 1950.

Details.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
Receipts	£164,707	£110,886	£124,321	£141,262	£162,061
Expenditure	£151,446	£119,881	£117,300	£147,311	£172,760
Total cases treated ..	3,717	3,220	3,048	4,948	4,071
Admissions	3,479	2,964	2,810	4,767	3,845
Daily average of occupied beds	227	207	182	230	202
Deaths	65	36	35	57	46

BUSH NURSING CENTRES.

Bush Nursing. Bush nursing centres are distributed throughout the State in the rural areas. At 31st March, 1950 there were 74 centres (including 60 hospitals) employing approximately 189 trained nurses and 49 partly trained nurses. Hospital accommodation was provided for 591 patients, the admissions being 8,889 and out-patients 5,792 during the nine months ended 31st March, 1950.

Details of the receipts and expenditure of bush nursing centres for the year ended 30th June, 1949 and the nine months ended 31st March, 1950 are shown in the following table:—

VICTORIA—BUSH. NURSING CENTRES.

					Year ended 30th June.	Nine months ended 31st March.
					1949.	1950.
RECEIPTS.					£	£
Grants—						
Government .. .. .	..	..	..	..	92,538*	79,819*
Municipalities .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1,003	1,269
Donations .. .. .	..	..	..	..	14,491	14,861
Proceeds from entertainments .. .. .	..	..	..	..	6,536	9,951
Nursing fees .. .. .	..	..	..	..	97,063	88,318
Members' fees .. .. .	..	..	..	..	21,830	19,386
Interest and rent .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1,861	937
Proceeds from sale of medicine .. .. .	..	..	..	..	3,593	2,906
Miscellaneous .. .. .	..	..	..	..	2,181	4,618
Total receipts .. .. .	..	..	..	..	241,096	222,065
EXPENDITURE.						
Salaries—						
Nurses (paid to Central Council) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	79,325	67,905
Other .. .. .	..	..	..	..	50,870	50,062
Provisions, fuel, lighting .. .. .	..	..	..	..	42,347	42,220
Surgery and medicine .. .. .	..	..	..	..	7,289	7,090
Repairs and maintenance .. .. .	..	..	..	..	11,936	9,368
Furniture .. .. .	..	..	..	..	593	2,004
Printing, stationery, &c. .. .. .	..	..	..	..	2,821	2,502
Insurance, rent, bank charges .. .. .	..	..	..	..	4,332	4,097
Auditors Fees, Legal Expenses &c. .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1,288	1,208
Miscellaneous .. .. .	..	..	..	..	4,928	4,994
Loans and interest repayments .. .. .	..	..	..	..	2,066	962
Land and buildings .. .. .	..	..	..	..	4,719	6,919
Alterations and Additions .. .. .	..	..	..	..	3,372	..
Equipment .. .. .	..	..	..	..	10,346	9,181
Total expenditure .. .. .	..	..	..	..	226,232	208,512

* Includes £41,697 received under the Hospital Benefits Scheme for 1949 and £39,417 for 1950.

**Red Cross
Society,
Victorian
Division.**

The Victorian Division of the Australian Red Cross Society is responsible for all Red Cross service and activities throughout the State of Victoria.

Under the Royal Charter, the Society's objects (in addition to specific war-time activities) are: "the improvement of health, the mitigation of suffering, and the prevention of disease".

A voluntary organization, sustained by public subscription, the Division's primary function in war-time is to provide supplementary service to sick or wounded service personnel, Prisoners-of-War and their dependants. Such services range from hospital services, the provision of convalescent homes, and various welfare services to assist the restoration of health and fitness of those suffering from their war service.

In peace-time the organization's responsibilities continue in caring for the welfare of ex-service personnel discharged medically unfit, and their dependants. In addition, under the terms of its Charter, the Society undertakes many community services such as the Blood Transfusion Service, handicrafts, hospital visiting and library services in civilian hospitals, transport for ex-service patients and civilian out-patients, the maintenance of four convalescent homes—"Stonnington" and "Rockingham" for repatriation patients, "The Lady Dugan Red Cross Home" for the wives and children of ex-servicemen, and "Welfare House" for children and young women who have had poliomyelitis or who are spastics.

Particular attention is being given to the problems of the permanently disabled ex-serviceman or woman with a view to the utmost rehabilitation possible in each case.

The governing body of the Division is the Council, which is constituted as follows:—The President (the wife of the State Governor); the Deputy-President (the wife of the Lieutenant-Governor); the wife of the Premier; a person nominated by the State Government; the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of the City of Melbourne; the principal medical officer for Victoria, R.A.N.; the principal medical officer for Victoria, Australian Army; the principal medical officer for

Victoria, R.A.A.F.; the senior medical officer for Victoria, Repatriation Commission; a representative of the R.S. & S.I.L.A.; forty-five other members of the Division elected at the Annual Meeting, and fifteen elected by the Divisional Council.

The following figures give some indication of the continuing nature and scope of the work :—

VICTORIA—RED CROSS SOCIETY, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

Details.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
Receipts £	437,352	..	..	..	..
Payments £	845,410	..	..	..	..
Income £	..	251,084	177,831	164,518	177,609
Expenditure £	..	348,726	302,840	231,688	235,941
Gross Expenditure over Income	£ ..	97,642	125,009	67,170	58,332
Accumulation Account .. £	..	1,026,415	928,919	870,053	832,432
Expenditure on—					
Blood Transfusion Service .. £	21,207	22,434	24,044	30,406	41,787
Convalescent Homes and Hostels* £	48,241	43,807	42,357	54,203	58,980
Handcraft and Curative Training £	19,281	15,357	15,905	14,080	13,953
Social Service and Welfare† £	14,307	23,052	23,817	20,815	15,003
Service and Repatriation Hospitals including Recreation Centres £	30,479	51,853	33,010	30,621	22,583
Civilian Hospitals and Civilian Relief £	4,990	8,585	14,347	5,734	8,166
Red Cross Branches (active) .. No.	605	503	453	432	280
Junior Red Cross Circles .. No.	57	69	72	54	84
Blood Donations No.	17,018	19,815	23,191	24,737	27,962
Blood Distributed pints	6,555	10,691	14,174	15,115	17,288
Serum Distributed litres	1,923	1,630	2,174	2,340	2,288
Volumes in Red Cross Libraries No.	10,592	12,750	26,534	34,286	33,858
Transport Mileage	476,726	308,604	276,955	233,673	223,167
Admissions to Convalescent Homes ..	3,903	1,968	1,895	2,082	2,354

* Excluding buildings.

† In relation to ex-service personnel.

TUBERCULOSIS SANATORIA AND BUREAUX.

Tuberculosis bureaux are operating in the metropolis and in provincial centres under the control of a State Director of Tuberculosis. A recent innovation has been the appointment of country travelling Tuberculosis nurses.

The following table shows the accommodation of, the number of admissions to, discharges from, and deaths of males and females in Sanatoria during the year ended 31st December, 1950:—

VICTORIA—TUBERCULOSIS SANATORIA—ACCOMMODATION, ETC.—YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1950:—

Sanatorium.	Accommodation.		Admissions.		Discharges.		Deaths.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Metropolitan—								
Greenvale .. ..	..	236	..	87	..	71	..	11
Gresswell	192	..	168	..	153	..	11	..
Heatherton .. ..	..	268	..	166	..	136	..	7
Austin	90	50	149	166	163	153	20	4
Mint Place Annexe ..	12	67	19	103	10	110	2	7
Royal Park—								
Dunstan Chalet ..	19	..	14	..	16	..	2	..
Eleanor Shaw Chalet..	..	12	..	17	..	15	..	5
Country—								
Bendigo	14	10	18	14	15	16	3	..
Ballarat Chalet ..	10	10	17	12	12	11	1	4
Hamilton Chalet ..	7	7	19	13	13	9	..	2
Horsham Chalet ..	7	7	7	9	6	6	1	..
Wangaratta Chalet ..	7	7	16	11	9	8	..	..
Mildura Chalet ..	7	7	11	9	10	3	3	..
Sale Chalet	20	20	22	18	14	12	2	2
Warrnambool Chalet ..	7	11	18	17	17	16	..	2
Mooroopna Chalet ..	15	14	6	10	8	11	2	..
Geelong Chalet ..	15	15	12	11	7	4	..	1
Total	422	741	496	663	453	581	47	45

In addition to the above, 450 Commonwealth Repatriation beds and 25 private sanatorium beds were available. The construction of a new 144-bed block at Greenvale is completed, and the two 72-bed blocks at Heatherton are ready for occupation. In addition, accommodation was provided during the year at Geelong, Mooroopna, and Warrnambool,

after negotiation with the local Hospital authorities. Construction of a new sanatorium for males at Watsonia, with accommodation for 400 beds, has been deferred.

A full-time Supervisor of Mass X-rays has been appointed and out of a total of 750,000 x-rayed in the State to 31st December, 1950, 650,000 have been x-rayed by the Mass Survey Division.

In recent years doctors in private practice have sent an increasing number of patients to the Bureaux for examination and report.

The following table illustrates some of the work at the Central and Branch Tuberculosis Bureaux during the year ended 31st December, 1950 :—

VICTORIA—TUBERCULOSIS BUREAUX ACTIVITIES, 1950.

Type of Service.	Metropolitan—		Country—
	Central.	Prahran.	Ballarat, Bendigo, and Geelong.
New cases applying	7,279	4,836	1,179
Re-attendances	27,320	1,193	4,874
Cases passed for entry to Sanatoria and other Institutions	454	27	89
Contacts—			
New—Examined	2,385	267	405
Old—Re-examined	7,731	377	1,941
Found Tuberculous	106	3	14
Infecting cases	582	433	290
Visits to Patients' Home by Nurses	10,792	142	2,065
X-ray Screen Examination—Films—			
Large	18,820	1,203	2,738
Films—Micro	7,000	..	..
Screens	3,391	..	301
A.P. Refills (Attendances) ..	1,989	..	483

The number of attendances of patients at the Central and Branch Bureaux during each of the years 1941 to 1950 is given in the following Table :—

VICTORIA—ATTENDANCES OF PATIENTS AT TUBERCULOSIS BUREAUX.

Period.	Bureau.					Total.
	Central.	Prahran.	Bendigo.	Geelong.	Ballarat.	
Year ended 30th June—						
1941.. ..	17,478	418	1,431	1,332	626	21,285
1942.. ..	21,550	600	1,417	1,236	583	25,386
1943.. ..	22,434	622	1,454	1,474	665	26,649
1944.. ..	24,225	722	968	1,648	603	28,166
1945.. ..	25,232	588	950	1,874	694	29,338
1946.. ..	25,400	783	1,230	1,765	775	29,953
1947.. ..	27,389	1,694	1,495	1,613	836	33,027
1948.. ..	29,187	4,398	1,911	1,159	870	37,525
1949.. ..	30,603	7,403	2,164	1,299	767	42,236
Year ended 31st December—						
1950.. ..	34,599	6,029	3,340	1,096	1,617	46,681

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HYGIENE.

The subjoined table sets forth the numbers under the care of the Department for the years 1949 and 1950 :—

VICTORIA—PERSONS ON THE REGISTERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HYGIENE, 31ST DECEMBER, 1949 AND 1950.

Location.	On 31st December—		Increase(+). Decrease (-).
	1949.	1950.	
In State Hospitals	6,247	6,401	+ 154
On Trial Leave from State Hospitals	699	828	+ 129
Boarded Out	257	243	- 14
In licensed Private Mental Homes	21	19	- 2
On Trial Leave from licensed Private Mental Homes	6	8	+ 2
Total Number of Certified Insane	7,230	7,499	+ 269
In Receiving Institutions	116	145	+ 29
Total	7,346	7,644	+ 298
Voluntary Boarders	286	261	- 25
Military mental cases, Bundoora (not included in other statistics)	293	303	+ 10

There was a net increase of 283 in the number of patients on the registers at the end of 1950, compared with 1949, made up of 269 certified insane, 29 in Receiving Institutions, 10 military mental cases, with a decrease of 25 in the number of voluntary boarders.

The number of certified insane in the State at the end of 1950 proportionately to the population was 1 in 298.

The number of admissions to Mental Hospitals of the Department for each of the years 1946 to 1950 was as follows:—

VICTORIA—MENTAL HOSPITALS—ADMISSIONS, 1946 TO 1950.

Year.	First Admissions.			Re-admissions.			Total Admissions.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	
1946	354	386	740	63	48	111	851
1947	357	442	799	26	31	57	856
1948	416	490	906	21	25	46	952
1949	428	509	937	21	55	76	1,013
1950	547	583	1,130	30	43	73	1,203

The number of discharges from, and the deaths in, Mental Hospitals of the Department for each of the years 1946 to 1950 are given below:—

VICTORIA—MENTAL HOSPITALS—DISCHARGES AND DEATHS, 1946 TO 1950.

Year.	Discharges.			Deaths.			Total of Discharges and Deaths.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	
1946	361	203	564	233	267	500	1,064
1947	181	202	383	214	235	449	832
1948	153	236	389	237	247	484	873
1949	213	250	463	230	222	452	915
1950	217	220	437	235	251	486	923

CHILDREN'S WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

This Department is responsible for the supervision of (a) children committed as wards of the Children's Welfare Department pursuant to the provisions of the Children's Welfare Act, and (b) those committed as wards of the Department for Reformatory Schools under the provisions of Part II., Division 2, Crimes Act (Juvenile Offenders).

In the main these represent children who have been committed through the Children's Courts under one or other of the several definitions of a "neglected child" (section 18), children committed to the Department on the application of relatives, &c., on the grounds that they

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are without means of support (section 24), and children who *ipso facto* become wards on default in payment by their parents under the Infant Life Protection provisions of the Act (section 103).

According to the circumstances existing at the time of committal, the children are boarded out for payment in private foster homes or with relatives, or are placed in institutions. Only one institution is governmentally controlled, viz., the Department's Receiving Depot at Royal Park, which is used as a clearing house. The remaining institutions are conducted by the various religious denominations or private charitable committees, and a capitation fee is paid for wards maintained therein.

With children in private foster homes or with relatives, boarding out payments do not continue beyond school leaving age (14 years). The children are then placed "on probation" i.e., without cost with their foster parents or relatives, or are placed in employment in service situations. Children in institutions are in due course either returned to their relatives or friends "on probation," transferred to private foster homes, or placed in service situations or other employment.

To provide ex-institutional inmates and wards of the Children's Welfare Department with suitable accommodation and guidance until they reach the self-supporting stage, several institutions are now conducting hostels for boys and girls under the Government subsidy scheme agreed on in 1945. Under this plan the Children's Welfare Department subsidises each hostel to the extent of the difference between an inmate's contributions for board (i.e., the balance of his earnings after liberal deduction therefrom for pocket money, clothing reserve, &c.) and the ascertained average weekly cost per head over all hostels of maintaining an inmate. An initial outfit allowance of £15 for boys and £12 10s. for girls is granted and fares to work, school fees, &c., are also met by the State. Expenditure on renovations and additions to premises is shared by the Government on the basis of a £2 for £1 grant.

The following hostels are at present operating under the plan.—

Name of Hostel.	Location.	Sex.	Management.
Lyndon Lodge	Auburn	Boys	Salvation Army
The Pawns	Hawthorn	Boys	Burwood Boys' Home
St. Vincent de Paul's	South Melbourne	Boys	St. Vincent de Paul's Boys' Orphanage
Ballarat Orphanage	Ballarat	Boys	Ballarat Orphanage
Y.C.W.	Albert Park	Boys	Young Christian Workers Association
Padua Hall	Kew	Boys	Franciscan Fathers
Church of England Girls'	Brighton	Girls	Church of England Girls' Home
McAuley House	South Melbourne	Girls	St. Vincent de Paul's Girls' Orphanage
St. Martin's House	Canterbury	Boys	St. John's Home for Boys
Homecrafts	East Melbourne	Girls	Mission of St. James and St. John

The following table shows the number and location of wards of the Children's Welfare Department at the end of each of the five years, 1946-1950.

**VICTORIA—CHILDREN'S WELFARE DEPARTMENT—
LOCATION OF WARDS.**

Year.	Boarded Out in Foster Homes.	On Probation with Friends or Relatives.	With Employers on Service Conditions.	At Royal Park Depot.	In Govern- ment Sub- sidized Hostels.	In Other Institu- tions.	Total.
1946 ..	664	1,264	262	121	86	1,622	4,019
1947 ..	570	1,199	261	163	68	1,379	3,640
1948 ..	506	1,115	257	192	86	1,392	3,548
1949 ..	465	1,102	208	162	82	1,429	3,448
1950 ..	457	788	210	131	95	1,565	3,246

Boys committed as wards of the Department for Reformatory Schools are transferred for training as early as possible to the private reformatory school appropriate to their religion. They then come under the legal guardianship of the superintendent of the school who, in due course, may return them to their friends or relatives (who are required to enter into a good behaviour bond) or place them at service or in other employment. The following table shows the number and location of wards of the Department for Reformatory Schools at the end of each of the five years 1946-50.

**VICTORIA—DEPARTMENT OF REFORMATORY SCHOOLS—
LOCATION OF WARDS.**

Year.	At Royal Park Reformatory School.	In Other Reformatory Schools.	On Probation with Friends or Relatives.	With Employers on Service Conditions.	In Government Subsidized Hostels.	Total.
1946 ..	..	101	27	2	12	142
1947 ..	..	62	61	3	11	137
1948 ..	..	76	36	2	10	124
1949 ..	4	70	47	1	10	132
1950 ..	2	71	60	4	5	142

Infant Life Protection. Part II. of the Children's Welfare Act (Infant Life Protection) provides that no person shall, for payment or reward, retain or receive into her care or charge in any home any infant under the age of five years for the purpose of nursing or maintaining such infant apart from its parents for more than three consecutive days, or for the purpose of adopting such infant, unless such person and such home are registered by the Department (section 95). Exemptions from the operation of this section in the case of a relative or for other special reasons may be granted by the Minister (section 107). Payments are to be made through the Secretary and in no other way (section 103). If payments fall into arrears for four weeks the child *ipso facto* becomes a ward of the Children's Welfare Department (section 103). The following is a statement of the operations of this part for the year ended 31st December, 1950 :—

Children already placed at 1st January, 1950	..	..	323
Children placed during year	..	..	510
Total			833
Discharged from operations of Part II. during year—			
Custody resumed by parent	..	..	354
Made wards through arrears	..	..	51
Deaths	..	..	1
Attained five years of age	..	..	45
Adopted	..	..	59
Under supervision at 31st December, 1950			323

Assistance for Children. Part III. of the *Maintenance Act* 1928 enables a mother whose child is without sufficient means of support, and who is unable to provide or to obtain by any available legal proceedings sufficient means of support for such child, to apply in the prescribed form to the Secretary of the Children's Welfare Department for assistance for or towards the child's maintenance. "Child" means any person under the maximum age provided under the Education Acts at which attendance at school ceases to be compulsory.

The number of children in respect of whom assistance under the Maintenance Act was being afforded at the 31st December in the years 1946 to 1950, and the total amount of such assistance paid in each year, together with the average payments per child per week are shown in the following table :—

VICTORIA—MOTHERS RECEIVING ASSISTANCE UNDER THE MAINTENANCE ACT, 1946-1950.

Year.			Number of Children Assisted.	Total Amount of Assistance Payments.	Average Payment per Child per Week.
				£	s. d.
1946	..	..	2,887	75,066	10 1
1947	..	..	2,858	80,376	10 5
1948	..	..	2,670	76,026	10 5
1949	..	..	2,403	68,394	10 10
1950	..	..	2,119	62,457	10 9

CHILD MIGRATION.

In implementation of the migration policy of the Commonwealth and State Governments, the Commonwealth Government in 1946 passed the Immigration (Guardianship of Children) Act which lays down the procedure to be adopted with respect to migrant children. The Act defines an immigrant child as any person under the age of 21 years who enters Australia unaccompanied by a relative and not for the purpose of living with a relative. Legal guardianship of such children is vested in the Minister for Immigration, who may delegate his powers under the Act to a State Authority. Insofar as concerns immigrant children received into Victoria, such delegation has been conferred on the Secretary of the Children's Welfare Department.

To further develop the flow of immigrant children to Australia, the Act referred to authorizes the Minister for Immigration to approve of organizations who are willing to act as custodians of such children. The intention is that organizations so approved will recruit suitable children in the United Kingdom and be responsible, under the supervision of the Minister and the State authority, for their accommodation, care, education and training. To avoid the utilization by migrant children of accommodation already established for Australian children, the State and Commonwealth Governments have each agreed to contribute to approved organizations one-third of the capital cost of the additional premises essential for United Kingdom children. In addition, an approved organization will receive the following *per capita* grants for the maintenance of migrant children :—

United Kingdom Government	5s. per week (sterling).
Commonwealth Government	10s. per week (Child Endowment).
State Government	.. 3s. 6d. per week.

The United Kingdom and State Government contributions are payable to age 14 years, or to any higher age not exceeding 16 years provided the children are still in the care of the organization and at school.

The following have applied to become approved organizations to receive child migrants :—

Northcote Training Farm, Bacchus Marsh.

Nazareth House, Camberwell.

Presbyterian Social Service Committee, "Durringhile", Tatura.

Methodist Homes for Children, Cheltenham.

St. John's Home for Boys, Canterbury.

All except Nazareth House, Camberwell, whose premises are not completed, are now in active operation.

The financial operations of the Children's Welfare Department for the years ended 31st December, 1949 and 1950, are shown hereunder :—

VICTORIA—CHILDREN'S WELFARE DEPARTMENT—					FINANCIAL OPERATIONS, YEARS ENDED 31st	
DECEMBER, 1949 AND 1950.						
EXPENDITURE.					1949. £	1950. £
Children's Welfare Department—						
Boarded-out children	..	..	..	..	56,667	56,735
Royal Park Depot	..	..	..	..	52,201	64,932
Subsidies to Hostels	..	..	..	..	5,198	4,479
Service Outfits	..	..	..	..	3,452	3,338
Department for Reformatory Schools	..	..	..	..	*7,831	*4,200
Maintenance Act—						
Children	..	..	..	..	68,281	62,458
Widows	..	..	..	..	..	..
Migrant Children—						
Payments to Approved Organizations	..	..	..	..	324	644
General Maintenance Items						
(Medical attention, School requisites, &c.)	..	..	..	..	6,066	6,108
Administration	..	..	..	..	31,310	35,206
Gross Expenditure	..	..	..	..	231,330	238,100
RECEIPTS.						
Maintenance Collections	..	..	..	..	19,170	19,125
Child Endowment	..	..	..	..	4,207	4,330
Miscellaneous Receipts	..	..	..	..	433	747
Net Expenditure	..	..	..	..	207,520	213,898

* Includes special grants—£4,768—to Bayswater and Morning Star reformatory schools, in 1949, and £1,061 to Morning Star in 1950.

THE VICTORIAN SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO CHILDREN.

The Society, dating back to 1896, is the only welfare agency in Victoria which exists specifically for the purpose of befriending children who are suffering from ill-treatment or gross neglect of their parents or guardians.

The objects of the Society are—

- (1) to protect children from cruelty and neglect;
- (2) to assist in the enforcing of laws for the protection of neglected and ill-treated children;
- (3) to befriend any child who, for any reason, stands in need of friendly service.

The methods adopted by the S.P.C.C. are—

- (1) cases of suspected ill-treatment or neglect of children are promptly investigated by experienced and sympathetic officers;
- (2) subsequent action is designed to secure the welfare of the children concerned. Prosecution of parents is a last resort. Every effort is made to hold families together. Constant inspectorial visitation achieves splendid results in many homes;
- (3) All complaints are treated with strict confidence.

The Society brightens the homes of many children in ways such as these—(1) Improving home environment; (2) Rebuilding broken homes; (3) Securing maintenance from defaulting parents; (4) Removal of children where necessary to better homes; (5) Arranging adoptions, and (6) Preventing child exploitation.

Approximately 500 cases dealt with annually in each of the past ten years furnish the following classification:—Neglect alleged 60 per cent. (61); Cruelty alleged 9 per cent. (6); Behaviour problems 17 per cent. (12); Miscellaneous cases involving the welfare of children 14 per cent. (21). The corresponding percentages for the 590 cases dealt with in the year ended 30th June, 1950, appear in brackets.

The following table shows the Receipts, Expenditure, and number of cases dealt with during the five years ended 30th June, 1950:—

Details.				1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
				£	£	£	£	£
Receipts	..	..	..	1,386	1,267	6,396*	3,189	3,579
Expenditure	..	..	..	1,197	1,530	1,514	1,640	1,944
				No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Cases investigated	..	..		462	460	488	602	590

* Due to a large bequest.

MATERNAL AND INFANT WELFARE.

The Maternal and Infant Welfare Movement commenced in Victoria with the establishment of Infant Welfare Centres in 1917.

These Centres are maintained by municipalities and subsidized by the Government. They are staffed by specially qualified Sisters.

On the 31st December 1950, there were 187 municipalities maintaining 443 centres, 124 of which were in the metropolitan area. During the twelve months prior to that date, 102,254 individual infants attended the centres. A service is now being provided for Migrant Hostels and Camps in the Metropolitan and rural areas.

Eight new vans have been provided for mobile services so that with the Victorian Baby Health Centres Association Travelling Baby Health Centre in the Mallee, a mobile service is provided for nine sparsely populated areas. An additional service for mothers in the "outback" is provided by the Department's Correspondence Scheme with its enrolments during the past year of 95 expectant mothers and 1,617 new babies.

Ante Natal. Ante Natal medical supervision centres, subsidized by the Government, were established in 1945, and now operate in fourteen municipalities. During the year ended 31st December, 1950, 3,967 individual expectant mothers paid 16,964 visits to these centres. Advice on pre-natal hygiene is also available in all Infant Welfare Centres.

Pre-School. At the 31st December, 1950, 142 Free Kindergartens, with an enrolment of approximately 6,000 children of pre-school age, were in receipt of subsidies from the Department of Health. In addition to £52,011 paid to individual kindergartens, the Kindergartens Training College received a grant of £4,000. This College provides accommodation for 180 students.

Pre-School Play Centres are now subsidized by the Government and function under the supervision of the Department of Health. Thirty-one of these centres had been established by 31st December, 1950.

Creches. There are twelve creches and three day nurseries supported by Government grant, voluntary effort and money derived from Trust funds. The children are admitted as a rule from the age of six weeks to six years. The total attendances for the year ended 31st December, 1950, were 90,642.

Emergency Housekeeper Service. An Emergency Housekeeper Service is subsidized through the Department of Health. Where a municipality sets up this service, four fifths of the net cost is met by the Government and an allowance of £50 per annum is given for the administrative costs.

Capital Grants. Capital grants are available for Infant Welfare and Pre-School buildings on a £2 for £1 basis with a maximum grant of £2,250. Where a combined centre is erected a separate grant is given for each service.

Particulars of Infant Welfare Centres for the five years 1946-1950, are given in the following table :—

VICTORIA—INFANT WELFARE CENTRES.

	Year Ended 30th June—				Year Ended 31st December.
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
Municipalities	170	175	179	181	187
Centres	316	340	366	393	443
Nurses in centres ..	167	179	185	193	205
Home visits	82,460	88,904	87,446	93,093	91,969
Total individual children ..	82,588	94,459	93,773	97,116	102,254
Total attendances ..	833,248	949,753	989,490	962,223	1,005,996

Infant Welfare and Mothercraft Nurses. There are eight Infant Welfare and Mothercraft training schools for nurses. Of these schools which are supported by voluntary organizations and church bodies, four train Infant Welfare nurses only.

Since the inauguration of the Department of Health Mothercraft Nurses' examinations in 1930, 1,560 trainees had satisfactorily passed to the end of December, 1950. The number of Mothercraft nurses who passed the examination during the year ended 31st December, 1950, was 112.

During the year 1950, eight Mothercraft nurses received Department of Health certificates for pre-school Mothercraft nursing. Ninety-four nurses have received certificates since the course was inaugurated in 1942.

There were 1,399 Infant Welfare nurses registered with the Nurses' Board in Victoria at 31st December, 1950.

SCHOOL MEDICAL AND DENTAL SERVICES.**School
Medical
Services.**

Medical inspection of school children was established in 1909, one of the objectives being to examine medically each child in the State, three times during its school life.

At the routine inspection each child is weighed and measured, eyesight and hearing tested, and defects of teeth, throat, skin and posture noted. The child is questioned, advised *re* general hygiene, cleanliness, &c., and is then undressed and examined as for life assurance. A school nurse assists each medical officer at the examination and is also responsible for the sending of defect notices to the parent. In many cases she also interviews the mother either at the school or in the home, thus acting as liaison between medical officer, parent and teacher. School nurses also visit metropolitan schools at regular intervals to examine for pediculosis, cleanliness and infectious skin conditions.

Special classes or schools are provided by the Education Department for physically and mentally handicapped children, such as the partially sighted, partially deaf (in process of building), under-nourished, those with minor postural defects, speech handicaps, mentally retarded, &c. Children attending these classes are referred by the School Medical Officers and kept under regular medical supervision during their school career. Many children are given special appointments on account of behaviour problems, truancy, &c. These cases are also investigated by a school nurse and, if necessary, sent on to the appropriate psychiatric clinic.

Visits to State Schools within the metropolitan area are maintained regularly. Extension of the service to children attending Roman Catholic primary schools in metropolitan districts and country areas as medical staff became available was agreed upon in April, 1950, and these schools are now included in the regular itineraries.

Country schools are gradually being included in regular inspection. A part-time medical officer for the provincial centre of Hamilton took up duty in August, 1949, and two others, for Bendigo and Shepparton districts respectively, in February, 1951. An increase in the full-time medical staff has enabled us to visit schools in the Glenelg Region in the far south-west of the State and in East Gippsland. Additional school nurses have also been appointed, and schools in the provincial cities, Bendigo, Ballarat, Geelong and Mildura are now visited in addition to all metropolitan schools.

School Dental Service. A limited number of metropolitan (industrial areas) and rural schools are covered by the School Dental Service, but, owing to difficulties in obtaining staff, it has not been possible to maintain the desired policy of providing dental treatment at regular yearly intervals with initial treatment at a maximum age of eight years. Children are transported from school to and from the Dental Centre by bus (under contract to the Department of Health). A medical officer has been appointed as part-time anaesthetist, part-time school medical officer. A building has been purchased at 448 St. Kilda-road, to which the Dental Centre was transferred in January, 1951.

The number of children and teachers medically examined and given dental treatment and the cost thereof for the years 1948-1950 are shown in the following table:—

SCHOOL MEDICAL AND DENTAL SERVICES,

	Year Ended 30th June—		
	1948.	1949.	1950.
Number of children examined by medical officers	17,526	17,007	28,621
Number of children examined by school nurses ..	75,559	82,993	82,828
Number of teachers examined by medical officers	2,457	2,767	3,558
Number of children given dental treatment ..	13,282	13,001	16,539
Expenditure on medical and dental services ..	£22,244	£26,084	£36,025

MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS AND SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS.

The Lord Mayor's Fund was inaugurated on 4th April, 1923, for the purpose of assisting in the maintenance of the Metropolitan Hospitals and Charities, and was incorporated by Act of Parliament on 24th December, 1930. The Hospital Saturday and Sunday Fund was formed in 1873 and remained in operation until the year 1923, when the Hospital Saturday section was merged with the Lord Mayor's Fund, the Hospital Sunday section remaining a separate fund, but being carried on in close co-operation with the Lord Mayor's Fund. Since the date of the inauguration of the latter fund, subscriptions and donations amounting to £2,269,938 have been received, and the collections for the Hospital Sunday Fund have amounted to £396,054.

The total annual receipts of the two funds during the period 1940-41 to 1949-50 were as follows:—

Year ended 30th June—				Lord Mayor's Fund.	Hospital Sunday Fund.	Total.
				£	£	£
1941	..	..	..	62,413	12,867	78,280
1942	..	..	..	71,461	14,398	85,859
1943	..	..	..	97,561	20,320	117,881
1944	..	..	..	120,933	25,634	146,567
1945	..	..	..	141,340	26,725	168,065
1946	..	..	..	111,716	22,910	135,626
1947	..	..	..	111,181	22,605	134,786
1948	..	..	..	110,298	21,291	131,589
1949	..	..	..	101,763	24,468	128,231
1950	..	..	..	141,354	23,091	171,445

**Food for
Britain
Appeal.**

The Lord Mayor's Food for Britain Appeal was launched on 21st September, 1945, at a meeting convened by the Lord Mayor of Melbourne (Councillor F. R. Connolly). In March, 1947, the Australian Red Cross Society launched a British Relief Appeal and the Victorian Division of the Society conducted its appeal conjointly with the Lord Mayor's Food for Britain Appeal, and undertook the shipment of goods on behalf of both appeals. Hereunder is a summary of shipments from September, 1945, to December, 1950.

		Value of Foodstuffs Shipped.	Value of Clothing Shipped.	Total.
		£	£	£
Lord Mayor's Food for Britain Appeal	..	500,127	..	500,127
Australian Red Cross Society (Victorian Division) British Relief Appeal	.. ..	416,201	72,173	488,374
Victorian State Government (in addition to grant of £20,000 to the Lord Mayor's Appeal)		50,000	..	50,000
Total	.. ..	966,328	72,173	1,038,501

**St. John
Ambulance
Association.**

The work carried on by this Association is described in the *Year-Book* for 1916-17, page 582. Its objects are to instruct all classes of people in the preliminary treatment of the sick and of the injured. During the year ended 30th September, 1950, 4,551 students were instructed in first aid and nursing and of these 3,386 received certificates. Since the formation of the Victorian Centre of the Association in 1883, 154,506 persons have received awards. The Association medallion has been awarded to 14,281 students.

The following table shows various particulars relating to the Association's activities during the five years ended 30th September, 1950 :—

Details.				1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
				£	£	£	£	£
Receipts	..	..	..	1,631	1,900	2,344	3,636	5,651
Expenditure	..	..	..	1,656	1,812	1,847	4,002	5,271
Students Instructed	..	..	..	No. 2,249	No. 2,014	No. 2,584	No. 3,283	No. 4,551
Certificates Issued	..	..	..	1,547	1,433	1,788	2,318	3,386

The St. John Ambulance Association established the first ambulance transport service in the State of Victoria in the year 1886, and continued to operate it until the year 1916. The Council of St. John Ambulance Association then decided that much better results could be obtained if they separated the main object "That of teaching First Aid to the Injured" from the transport of sick or injured persons. They, therefore, formed a Company with its title "Victorian Civil Ambulance Service". This Company was registered under the "Companies Acts" as a Company "Not for Profit". This action completely separated the control, finance and operation of the transport service from the St. John Ambulance Association.

The Victorian Civil Ambulance Service Council applied to the State Government for a subsidy, and when this was granted they then became responsible to the Charities Board of Victoria for the conduct of the Service.

This Company's registration continued until the year 1936, when at the request of the Charities Board of Victoria, the Service, without suspending operations, went into voluntary liquidation and by order of the Governor in Council became an incorporated body under the Hospital and Charities Act.

The objects of the Society as outlined in the Constitution are :—

- (a) To organize, conduct and control the work of rendering First Aid to, and the transport of, sick and injured persons within the State of Victoria, and to assist other persons, societies and institutions engaged in the same or similar work, and in particular the St. John Ambulance Association (Victoria Centre) and the St. John Ambulance Brigade (Victoria District.)
- (b) To establish, conduct and control ambulance centres and/or divisions or branches of the Society's service in any part of the State of Victoria.

The Society is managed by an Honorary Committee and Honorary Officers. This Committee is representative of the contributors :— St. John Ambulance Association and Brigade; Victorian Civil Ambulance Service (Country Division); Melbourne City Council; and Metropolitan Municipalities.

The registered Office and Headquarters is at 217 Lonsdale-street, Melbourne, from which point, all ambulance calls are dealt with. Sub-stations are situated in East Prahran, Mordialloc, Footscray, and Canterbury. The thirty-three ambulances attached to the Metropolitan Division are fitted with single-way wireless, thus greatly increasing the efficiency of the Service.

The Country Division of the Ambulance Service was established in the year 1923, by the opening of Country Branches at Yarram, Beechworth and Yarra Junction. Funds for this purpose were made available from the "Edward Wilson Trust". As further grants were made available from the same source, more branches were opened and during the year ended 31st March, 1950, forty-eight branches, possessing fifty-two ambulances, operated throughout the State.

The locations of the Country Branches are shown hereunder :—

Alexandra	Goroce	Orbost
Apollo Bay	Heyfield	Robinvale
Ararat	Horsham	Rushworth
Ballarat (2 cars)	Kerang	Sale
Beechworth	Korumburra	Shepparton
Benalla	Kyabram	Stawell
Bendigo (2 cars)	Lakes Entrance	Swan Hill
Bright	Leongatha	Tallangatta
Castlemaine	Lorne	Terang
Chelsea	Maffra	Wangaratta (2 cars)
Cobram	Mansfield	Warracknabeal
Daylesford	Mildura (2 cars)	Warragul
Echuca	Mornington	Warrnambool (2 cars)
Erica	Nhill	Woodend
Euroa	Noojee	Wood's Point
Flinders	Omeo	Yarram

The following table furnishes information relating to the activities of the Victorian Civil Ambulance Service from 1st July, 1945, to 31st March, 1950 :—

VICTORIAN CIVIL AMBULANCE SERVICE.

Details.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49.*	1949-50.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Metropolitan—					
Stations	4	4	4	5	5
Officers	47	50	59	70	90
Ambulances	19	21	21	21	33
Calls	29,897	32,977	36,544	29,492	51,044
Accidents attended	6,112	6,834	7,295	5,947	9,787
Mileage	339,019	362,557	416,443	305,731	552,739
Patients conveyed without payment	5,329	8,260	10,109	9,624	18,380
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts†	26,634	28,339	33,446	33,862	61,030
Government Grant	1,500	1,500	1,500	2,125	2,625
Expenditure	27,909	28,279	37,309	35,950	66,170
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Country—					
Stations	26	33	34	44	48
Ambulances	28	35	36	49	52
Calls	†	†	5,805	4,677	5,199
Mileage	†	†	134,347	132,532	168,304

* For nine months ended 31st March, 1949.

† Includes Government Grant.

‡ Not Available.

**Royal
Humane
Society.**

The objects of the Royal Humane Society of Australasia were published in the *Year-Book* for 1942-43, page 295.

During the year ended 30th June, 1950, 88 applications for awards were investigated, with the result that 42 certificates of merit, 36 bronze medals, and 5 silver medals were granted.

**Royal Life
Saving
Society.**

With the object of minimizing the loss of life from drowning, a branch of the Royal Life Saving Society was established in Melbourne in 1904. A statement of the aims of the society was published in the *Year-Book* for 1929-30 on page 237.

During the year ended 31st May, 1950, the number of awards granted by the Victorian Head Centre was 6,357; the total income was £2,918 and the expenditure £2,688.

**Society for
the Protection
of Animals.**

The objects of this society are given in the *Year-Book* for 1916-17, page 589. During the year ended 30th June, 1950, 1,759 cases were dealt with, of which 401 were connected with cruelty to horses and 761 to dogs. There were 15 prosecutions in cases of deliberate cruelty, and fines were imposed in 12 instances. The receipts for the year ended 30th June, 1950, amounted to £7,723 and the expenditure to £10,980.

COMMONWEALTH SOCIAL SERVICES.

The Social Services Consolidation Act (No. 26 of 1947) which came into operation on 1st July, 1947, and which has since been amended by Nos. 38 and 69 of 1948, No. 16 of 1949, and No. 6 of 1950, repealed the various legislative enactments relating to Age (previously Old-age) and Invalid Pensions, Maternity Allowances, Child Endowment, and Unemployment and Sickness Benefits and, while following in general the Acts repealed, considerably liberalized many of their provisions.

The history and details of the legislation relating to the pensions and allowances covered by the Consolidation Act will be found in previous issues of the *Year-Book*.

All benefits are paid out of the National Welfare Fund to which, in each financial year, is appropriated the amount of the social service contribution which is payable under the Social Services Contribution Act together with a sum equivalent to the collections of tax under the Pay-roll Tax Assessment Act. These appropriations from Consolidated Revenue are made under the *National Welfare Fund Act 1945*. Total expenditure in Victoria on payment of benefits provided under the Social Services Consolidation Act for the year ended 30th June, 1950, was £20,813,602.

AGE PENSIONS.

**Eligibility and
rate of
Pension.**

Persons Eligible.—Men, 65 years of age and over, and women, 60 years of age and over, who have resided in Australia for a continuous period of twenty years. Any periods of absence during which a person's home remained in Australia, and absences in certain other circumstances, are counted as residence. Absence in a Territory of the Commonwealth does not break continuity of residence.

Persons Disqualified.—

- (a) Aliens (except women who, prior to marriage, were British subjects).
- (b) Any person who has deprived himself of property or income in order to qualify for a pension.

- (c) Any person in receipt of income of £3 12s. 6d. per week or more (blind persons £8 per week), or £7 5s. per week for a married couple (£10 2s. 6d. per week where both husband and wife are blind). See "Effect of Income" below as to income disregarded.
- (d) Any person who owns property, including cash or money in bank, to the value of more than £750 (£1,500 for married persons). The value of a home, furniture and personal effects is disregarded, also surrender values of life assurance policies up to £200, the capital value of any contingent interest, the present value (up to £500) of any reversionary interests, certain interests in the estates of deceased persons, and the amount of any Commonwealth war gratuity.
- (e) Any person who is not of good character, is not deserving of a pension, who has deserted his wife (or her husband) or children for six months or upwards immediately preceding the date of the claim.

Aboriginal Natives.—Pensions may be granted only to those aboriginal natives of Australia who have been granted exemption from State control laws or who, in any State where exemption is not provided for, are considered suitable persons to receive pensions by virtue of character, standard of intelligence, and social development.

Maximum Rate of Pension.—£110 10s. per annum (£2 2s. 6d. per week).

**Effect of
Income.**

Permissible income is £78 per annum (£1 10s. per week). Any income in excess of this amount is deducted from the pension. The income of a married person is deemed to be half the total income of husband and wife. Permissible income for blind persons, whether single or married, is £305 10s. per annum (£5 17s. 6d. per week). Any excess income is deducted from the pension. Where both husband and wife are blind, half the amount of any income in excess of £305 10s. per annum is deducted from each pension.

"Income" does not include gifts or allowances from children or parents, benefits from friendly societies, payments in respect of illness, infirmity or old-age from any trade union, the value of State food relief, child endowment or other payments for or in respect of children, benefits under the Hospital Benefits, Pharmaceutical Benefits and Tuberculosis Acts and interest on Commonwealth war gratuities.

For a dependent child under 16 years of age additional other income of an amount of £26 per annum, less the amount of any payment received for or in respect of the child, is allowed.

Effect of Property. The annual rate of pension is reduced by £1 for every complete £10 of the net value of property (excluding the home, &c.) above £100 up to £450, and by £2 for every complete £10 of the remainder (if any) of the value of the property. The value of property of a married person is deemed to be half the total value of property of husband and wife.

INVALID PENSIONS.

Eligibility and rate of Pension. *Persons Eligible.*—Persons 16 years of age and over, who have resided in Australia for a continuous period of five years, and who are permanently incapacitated for work or permanently blind. For the purposes of the residential qualification, the position in regard to absences is the same as for age pensions.

A person is deemed to be permanently incapacitated for work if the degree of his permanent incapacity is not less than 85 per cent. The claimant must have become permanently incapacitated or permanently blind while in Australia or during a temporary absence from Australia, but this condition is waived if he was brought into Australia before attaining the age of three years or if he has resided in Australia continuously or otherwise for not less than twenty years.

Persons Disqualified.—

- (a) The same as in paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) for age pensions.
- (b) Any person under 21 years of age who is adequately maintained by his parents.
- (c) A person who is not deserving of a pension.
- (d) A person who has an enforceable claim against any person under any law or contract, for adequate compensation in respect of his permanent incapacity or blindness.

Aboriginal Natives.—The same as for age pensions.

Maximum Rate of Pension.—The same as for age pensions.

Effect of Income and Property.—The same as for age pensions.

Wife's Allowance. An allowance, not exceeding £62 8s. per annum (£1 4s. per week), may be granted to the wife of an invalid pensioner (or age pensioner who is permanently incapacitated for work or permanently blind) if she is living with her husband and is not receiving an invalid or age pension or a service pension. The rate of the allowance is affected by income and property on the same basis as an age or invalid pension.

Child's Allowance. An allowance of £23 8s. per annum (9s. per week) in respect of one child under the age of sixteen years may be granted to the wife of an invalid pensioner, or age pensioner who is permanently incapacitated for work or permanently blind, if she is living with her husband and has the custody, care and control of the child and is not receiving a service pension. This allowance may be granted where the wife is ineligible on account of income or property for a wife's allowance.

A child's allowance may also be granted to any invalid pensioner who has the custody, care and control of a child under the age of sixteen years, but where both husband and wife are invalid pensioners (living together) the child's allowance is payable only to the wife.

Rehabilitation of Invalid Pensioners. Invalid pensioners are eligible for treatment and vocational training at the Commonwealth's expense to enable them to learn some craft or occupation which may be the means of rendering them self-supporting.

During treatment, payment of pension continues but when vocational training commences pension is suspended and a rehabilitation allowance paid. Should the training or treatment be unsuccessful the pensioner's right to the invalid pension is not prejudiced.

Reciprocity with New Zealand. A reciprocal scheme exists between the Commonwealth and New Zealand with regard to age, invalid, and widows' pensions, child endowment and unemployment and sickness benefits, covering both permanent and temporary change of residence.

Residence in one country counts as residence in the other in relation to entitlement to benefits in which a residential qualification applies.

Funeral Benefits. A funeral benefit of £10, or the actual cost of the funeral if less than £10, is payable to the person who has paid, or is liable to pay, the cost of the funeral of an age or invalid pensioner or a claimant who, but for his death, would have been granted an age or invalid pension.

Where the cost of the funeral has been partly met by a payment from a contributory funeral benefit fund (other than a contributory funeral benefit fund of a friendly society), funeral benefit is payable to the extent of the amount by which the cost of the funeral exceeded the amount paid from the fund, but not exceeding £10. Funeral benefit is not payable to a person administering a contributory funeral benefit fund.

The number of funeral benefits paid during the twelve months ended 30th June, 1950, was 7,370, the total cost being £71,397.

**Pensioners,
1940-41 to
1949-50.**

The numbers of age and invalid pensioners in Victoria on 30th June, 1950, were as follows:—Age pensioners—men, 26,533; women, 58,298; total, 84,831. Invalid pensioners—men, 7,550; women, 6,778; total, 14,328.

The numbers of age and invalid pensioners and the amount expended as at 30th June, for each year during the ten years ended 30th June, 1950, are shown in the following statement:—

**VICTORIA—AGE AND INVALID PENSIONERS,
1940-41 TO 1949-50.**

Year Ended 30th June—				Number of Pensioners at End of Period.			Actual Amount Paid in Pensions.*
				Age.	Invalid.	Total.	
1941	..	..	..	76,371	12,447	88,818	£ 4,588,266
1942	..	..	..	75,240	12,550	87,790	5,037,118
1943	..	..	..	72,102	11,938	84,040	5,715,268
1944	..	..	..	69,156	12,446	81,602	5,787,445
1945	..	..	..	67,240	12,598	79,838	5,604,739
1946	..	..	..	69,308	13,599	82,907	6,822,535
1947	..	..	..	74,770	14,673	89,443	7,350,132
1948	..	..	..	78,057	15,165	93,222	9,144,961
1949	..	..	..	81,753	15,575	97,328	10,244,132
1950	..	..	..	84,831	14,328	99,159	10,783,587

* Includes payments to Benevolent Asylums and Hospitals for maintenance of pensioners, and to pensioner inmates of these institutions and from 1943-44 includes allowances to wives of invalid pensioners.

WIDOWS' PENSIONS.

Eligibility and rates of pension.

Persons Eligible—A widow's pension is payable to a woman according to the following qualifications:—

Class A.—A Widow who has the custody, care and control of one or more children under the age of 16 years. Maximum pension £2 7s. 6d. per week.

Class B.—A Widow, not less than 50 years of age, who has not the custody, care and control of a child under the age of 16 years. Maximum pension £1 17s. per week.

Class C.—A Widow, under 50 years of age, who has not the custody, care and control of a child under 16 years, but is in necessitous circumstances within 26 weeks after the death of her husband. Maximum pension £2 2s. 6d. per week (payable for not more than 26 weeks immediately after death of husband).

Class D.—A Woman whose husband has been serving a term of imprisonment for at least six months, and who has the custody, care and control of one or more children under the age of 16 years, or is not less than 50 years of age. Maximum pension £1 17s. per week.

The term "widow" includes, in appropriate cases, a deserted wife, a divorcee, a woman whose husband is an inmate of a hospital for the insane, and certain dependent females under conditions specified by the Act.

No woman may receive at the same time both a widow's pension and an age pension or an invalid pension.

The residential qualification is five years' continuous residence in Australia immediately prior to the date of lodgment of the claim. Concessions in respect of absences are similar to those for age pensions.

Persons Disqualified.—In addition to disqualifications arising from certain income and property, the following persons are also disqualified from receiving widows' pensions :—

- (a) Aliens (except women who, prior to marriage, were British subjects).
- (b) Any claimant who has deprived herself of property or income in order to qualify for a pension.
- (c) A deserted wife or a divorcee who has not taken reasonable action to obtain maintenance from her husband or former husband.
- (d) A woman who is in receipt of an age or invalid pension or a war widow's pension.
- (e) A woman who is not of good character or deserving of a pension.

The number of widow pensioners and the amount expended as at 30th June, for each year during the eight years ended 30th June, 1950, are shown in the following statement :—

VICTORIA—WIDOWS' PENSIONS, 1942-43 TO 1949-50.

Year Ended 30th June—					Number of Widow Pensioners.	Amount Paid in Pensions.
						£
1943	..	..	..	..	10,710	602,957
1944	..	..	..	..	11,967	787,034
1945	..	..	..	..	12,614	799,652
1946	..	..	..	..	12,748	899,747
1947	..	..	..	..	12,311	941,734
1948	..	..	..	..	11,259	1,022,432
1949	..	..	..	..	11,164	1,120,589
1950	..	..	..	..	11,060	1,099,158

MATERNITY ALLOWANCES.

Persons Eligible.

A maternity allowance is payable to a woman who, at the date of giving birth to a child, is residing in Australia, or is in Australia and satisfies the Director-General of Social Services that she intends to remain in Australia.

The allowance is payable in respect of a birth which occurred on board a ship proceeding from a port in Australia or a Territory of the Commonwealth to another port in Australia or a Territory of the Commonwealth. The allowance is also payable in respect of a birth which occurred on board a ship proceeding to Australia, provided the mother has not received and is not entitled to receive a maternity benefit in respect of the birth under the law of any other country.

Payment may be made in respect of the birth of a stillborn child, or a child which lived for less than twelve hours, if the period of intra-uterine life of the child was not less than five and a half calendar months.

(Payment may be made to qualified Australians temporarily abroad who fulfil particular requirements.)

Alien Mothers.—Payment may be made to an alien mother if—

- (a) she was a British subject prior to her marriage, or
- (b) she or her husband resided in Australia for at least twelve months immediately prior to the birth of the child. Payment in respect of a birth which occurs within twelve months after the mother's arrival in Australia may be made at the end of that twelve months, unless the Director-General is satisfied that the woman is likely to remain in Australia, in which case it may be paid immediately.

Aboriginal Natives.—Payment may be made only to those aboriginal natives of Australia who have been granted exemption from State control laws or who, in any State where exemption is not provided for, are considered suitable persons to receive the allowance by virtue of character, standard of intelligence, and social development.

There is no means test.

Amount of Allowances.

Allowances which may be paid are as follows:—

- (a) Where there are no other children—£15.
- (b) Where there are one or two other children—£16.
- (c) Where there are three or more other children—£17 10s.

“Other children” means children born prior to the birth which is the subject of the claim, who, on the date of that birth, are under the age of sixteen years and of whom the claimant has the custody, care and control.

An extra £5 is paid for each additional child in multiple births.

An advance payment of £5 on account of a maternity allowance may be made, upon application, four weeks prior to the expected date of the birth. The balance is payable immediately after the birth.

Details of allowances granted during the nine years ended 30th June, 1950, are shown in the following table:—

VICTORIA—MATERNITY ALLOWANCES GRANTED, 1941-42
TO 1949-50.

Year Ended 30th June—	Number Granted During Year.	Amount Paid in Allowances During Year.	Total Claims Granted.	Total Amount Paid in Allowances.
		£		£
1942	16,120	86,392	869,214	4,278,122
1943	11,874	63,635	881,088	4,341,757
1944	38,653†	590,648	919,741	4,932,405
1945	40,582	647,970	960,323	5,580,375
1946	40,991	649,648	1,001,314	6,230,023
1947	50,730	787,843	1,052,044	7,017,866
1948	46,027	744,232	1,098,071	7,762,098
1949	46,309	732,621	1,144,380	8,494,719
1950	49,035	777,920	1,193,415	9,272,639

Maternity allowances became payable from 10th October, 1912. A Survey of the legislative enactments affecting maternity allowances during the period 1912-1944 appeared in the Year Book for 1944-1945, page 456.

† Means test abolished and allowance increased from 1st July, 1943.

CHILD ENDOWMENT.

The Commonwealth Government commenced to pay child endowment in July, 1941, at the rate of 5s. per week for each dependent child in excess of one under the age of 16 years in each family. From 26th June, 1945, the weekly amount was increased to 7s. 6d., and, from 9th November, 1948, to 10s. Amending legislative passed in June, 1950, provided endowment for the first child under 16 years of age at the rate of 5s. per week from 20th June, 1950. The rate for each additional child under that age is 10s. per week. Endowment of 10s. per week is paid in respect of all children under 16 years of age in approved institutions. The total amount paid in Victoria for the year ended 30th June, 1950, was £7,663,336.

VICTORIA—CHILD ENDOWMENT.

AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1949 AND 1950.

Rate per Endowment Period (Four Weeks).	Number of Claims.	
	1949.	1950.
£1 (one child family) .. .. .	..	..
£3 (two child family)	92,135	99,054
£5 (three child family)	39,734	42,600
£7 (four child family)	15,754	16,810
£9 (five child family)	5,996	6,330
£11 (six child family)	2,307	2,377
£13 (seven child family)	1,000	1,009
£15 (eight child family)	449	458
£17 (nine child family)	149	160
£19 (ten child family)	70	77
£21 (eleven child family)	21	16
£23 (twelve child family)	8	11
£25 (thirteen child family)	1	1
£27 (fourteen child family)	1	..
£29 (fifteen child family) .. .. .	..	1
Total claims current	157,625	168,904
Number of endowed children	265,672	452,333
Average number of endowed children per claim	1.69	2.68
Average liability per claim	£ s. d. 43 16 5	£ s. d. 56 12 7

NOTE.—Figures in the above table exclude endowment in respect of children in institutions who numbered 4,517 and 4,422 in 1949 and 1950 respectively.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS.

Particulars of these benefits and the conditions under which they are obtainable appear on pages 415 to 417 of the 1946-47 *Year-Book*.

The following table gives particulars of claims, amounts paid, &c., during the year ended 30th June, 1950 :—

VICTORIA—UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS
DURING THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1950.

	Claims Granted.	Benefits Paid.
Unemployment	1,037	£ 6,667
Sickness	15,120	217,782
Special	21,642	141,277
Total	37,799	365,726

REPATRIATION.

An outline of the activities leading up to the formation of the Commonwealth Repatriation Commission appears in Commonwealth *Year-Books* Nos. 15 page 931 and 17 page 598. The main activities of the Commission in 1949-50 were confined to the grant, review and assessment of war and service pensions, the provision of medical treatment, payment of re-employment allowances, vocational training, renewal and repair of artificial replacements and surgical appliances, the grant and review of sustenance and living allowances and the administration of the Soldiers' Children Education Scheme.

Particulars of war and service pensions in Victoria are shown below :—

VICTORIA—WAR AND SERVICE PENSIONS, 1940-41 TO 1949-50.

Year ended June—	Members of Forces.	Dependants.		Total.	Amount Paid during Year.
		Of Incapac- tated Members.	Of Deceased Members.		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	£
<i>War Pensions.</i>					
1941	25,107	41,036	7,977	74,120	2,252,227
1942	25,375	38,435	8,493	72,303	2,255,233
1943	25,921	36,583	9,251	71,755	2,497,300
1944	27,552	35,802	10,114	73,468	3,022,522
1945	30,138	37,334	10,755	78,227	3,245,026
1946	36,020	43,849	13,157	93,026	3,640,063
1947	39,711	48,101	13,167	100,979	4,081,324
1948	41,931	51,648	13,285	106,864	4,436,021
1949	44,025	55,737	13,486	113,248	5,249,295
1950	46,553	61,237	13,743	121,593	5,857,536
<i>Service Pensions.</i>					
1941	2,092	1,004	349	3,445	126,975
1942	3,034	1,079	383	4,496	140,916
1943	2,105	853	351	3,309	163,115
1944	2,071	818	375	3,264	163,377
1945	2,145	770	378	3,293	169,715
1946	2,296	713	393	3,402	206,275
1947	2,589	751	383	3,723	239,649
1948	2,793	822	370	3,985	288,084
1949	2,736	781	373	3,890	322,659
1950	2,784	735	364	3,883	347,274

Further statistical details relating to repatriation for the years 1948-49 and 1949-50 are as follows:—

	1948-49.	1949-50.
Medical Treatment—	No.	No.
Repatriation In-patients	1,704	1,691
Attendances of Out-patients	85,010	91,215
	£	£
Medical treatment expenditure	1,409,629	1,486,304
Soldiers' children Education expenditure	40,732	45,209

CREMATION.

There are two crematoria in Victoria—one at Springvale and the other at the new Melbourne General Cemetery, Fawkner. The history of their establishment is contained in an article published in the *Year-Book* 1942-43, page 307.

The numbers of cremations in relation to total deaths are shown in the following table:—

CREMATION IN VICTORIA.

Year.	Cremations at Fawkner.	Cremations at Springvale.	Total Cremations.	Total Deaths.	Percentage of Crema- tions to Deaths.
1927	32	..	32	16,773	·19
1928	84	..	84	17,708	·47
1929	151	..	151	16,717	·90
1930	162	..	162	15,959	1·02
1931	201	..	201	17,033	1·18
1932	199	..	199	16,805	1·18
1933	369	..	369	17,456	2·11
1934	499	..	499	18,648	2·68
1935	596	..	596	18,456	3·23
1936	358	400	758	18,778	4·04
1937	387	596	983	18,613	5·28
1938	415	752	1,167	18,955	6·16
1939	436	873	1,309	20,169	6·49
1940	571	1,053	1,624	20,293	8·00
1941	662	1,164	1,826	20,425	8·94
1942	753	1,246	1,999	21,973	9·09
1943	850	1,348	2,198	21,327	10·31
1944	892	1,502	2,394	20,502	11·68
1945	965	1,639	2,604	20,496	12·70
1946	1,030	1,920	2,950	21,534	13·69
1947	1,159	2,003	3,162	21,442	14·75
1948	1,293	2,349	3,642	21,825	16·69
1949	1,515	2,642	4,157	21,991	18·90
1950	1,568	2,857	4,425	22,341	19·81

PART XII.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

VICTORIA—POPULATION, DWELLINGS AND VITAL STATISTICS.

Year.	Population on 31st December.			Dwellings Occupied and Unoccupied (31st December).	Births.	Deaths.	Marriages
	Persons.	Males.	Females.				
1836	224	186	38	..	1	3	..
1840	10,291	7,254	3,037	..	358	198	177
1850	76,162	45,495	30,667	..	2,673	780	969
1860	538,234	330,302	207,932	133,634	22,863	12,061	4,351
1870	723,925	397,230	326,695	156,726	27,151	10,420	4,732
1880	858,605	450,558	408,047	178,777	26,148	11,652	5,286
1890	1,133,728	595,519	538,209	241,987	37,578	18,012	9,187
1900	1,196,213	601,773	594,440	253,003	30,779	15,215	8,308
1910	1,301,408	646,482	654,926	287,498	31,437	14,736	10,240
1915	1,424,445	694,210	730,235	327,156	35,010	15,823	12,832
1920	1,527,909	753,803	774,106	347,716	36,214	16,832	14,898
1925	1,684,051	840,817	843,234	396,474	35,922	15,836	13,370
1930	1,792,605	892,422	900,183	438,814	33,127	15,959	11,641
1931	1,803,570	896,429	907,141	439,105	30,332	17,033	10,182
1932	1,813,387	900,663	912,724	438,524	27,464	16,805	11,744
1933	1,824,217	904,868	919,349	451,629	28,392	17,456	12,668
1934	1,836,660	909,806	926,854	456,821	27,828	18,648	13,862
1935	1,841,595	910,740	930,855	462,328	27,884	18,456	15,409
1936	1,849,607	913,959	935,648	469,158	28,883	18,778	15,915
1937	1,856,991	916,974	940,017	476,656	29,731	18,613	16,226
1938	1,871,099	924,034	947,065	485,223	30,344	18,955	17,113
1939	1,883,133	929,470	953,663	493,387	30,493	20,169	17,368
1940	1,914,918	947,037	967,881	502,076	31,962	20,293	22,299
1941	1,946,425	964,619	981,806	511,544	34,406	20,425	20,897
1942	1,962,558	970,729	991,829	513,387	35,927	21,973	23,636
1943	1,981,616	979,549	1,002,067	513,693	39,117	21,327	18,356
1944	1,997,954	986,889	1,011,065	515,433	39,358	20,502	17,857
1945	2,015,107	994,784	1,020,323	515,410	41,200	20,496	16,501
1946	2,039,769	1,006,395	1,033,374	521,574	46,693	21,534	21,405
1947	2,061,689	1,016,950	1,044,739	530,742	47,366	21,442	20,437
1948	2,106,315	1,040,640	1,065,675	535,752	46,099	21,825	20,035
1949	2,164,331	1,073,298	1,091,033	551,702	46,873	21,991	20,066
1950	2,231,255	1,116,962	1,114,293	574,734	49,830	22,341	20,320
1951	2,291,354	1,152,772	1,138,582	597,915	50,553	23,446	21,117

VICTORIA—DIVORCES.*

Year.	Petitions Filed—			Decrees Granted—			Petitions Dismissed or With- drawn.
	By Husband.	By Wife.	Total.	To Husband.	To Wife.	Total.	
1921 ..	194	252	446	170	210	380	27
1922 ..	244	234	478	166	204	370	31
1923 ..	236	292	528	193	233	426	30
1924 ..	234	299	533	183	216	399	16
1925 ..	214	321	535	160	285	445	13
1926 ..	261	315	576	186	280	466	13
1927 ..	263	327	590	210	303	513	17
1928 ..	258	346	604	221	260	481	19
1929 ..	238	290	528	225	317	542	13
1930 ..	215	274	489	153	228	381	22
1931 ..	221	257	478	188	229	417	19
1932 ..	217	322	539	181	273	454	19
1933 ..	258	336	594	205	290	495	17
1934 ..	266	400	666	238	380	618	13
1935 ..	334	398	732	254	345	599	15
1936 ..	342	421	763	311	374	685	22
1937 ..	366	526	892	317	479	796	16
1938 ..	391	531	922	317	503	820	25
1939 ..	390	483	873	338	456	794	19
1940 ..	396	494	890	358	459	817	18
1941 ..	435	534	969	376	457	833	25
1942 ..	600	608	1,208	459	494	953	28
1943 ..	854	731	1,585	708	667	1,375	50
1944 ..	1,066	866	1,932	914	756	1,670	30
1945 ..	1,128	939	2,067	933	794	1,727	69
1946 ..	1,177	1,020	2,197	865	754	1,619	70
1947 ..	910	1,023	1,933	1,119	1,147	2,266	125
1948 ..	948	953	1,901	807	853	1,660	80
1949 ..	955	1,080	2,035	800	966	1,766	80
1950 ..	854	1,000	1,854	739	852	1,591	77
1951 ..	803	1,016	1,819	760	954	1,714	72

* Excludes Judicial Separations and Marriage Annulments.

VICTORIA—CRIME (ARREST CASES ONLY): POLICE PROTECTION.

Year.	Number.					Numerical Strength of Police Force in Victoria.
	Taken into Custody. *	Summarily Disposed of by Magistrates.		Committed for Trial.	Distinct Persons Convicted after Commitment.	
		Convicted. †	Dismissed. †			
1870.. ..	22,527	14,662	6,957	908	573	Not available
1880.. ..	22,843	15,045	7,118	680	398	
1890.. ..	37,330	23,609	12,601	1,129	662	
1900.. ..	26,104	17,177	8,352	575	374	1,465
1910.. ..	19,070	11,655	6,912	503	354	1,605
1915.. ..	20,276	11,742	7,973	561	391	1,737
1920.. ..	14,582	9,010	4,813	759	442	1,733
1925.. ..	17,922	11,839	5,435	648	451	1,875
1926.. ..	18,853	12,642	5,492	719	436	1,963
1927.. ..	19,507	13,181	5,579	747	458	1,977
1928.. ..	18,559	12,483	5,385	691	498	2,112
1929.. ..	18,637	12,340	5,387	910	609	2,148
1930.. ..	17,295	12,511	3,899	885	683	2,115
1931.. ..	16,191	11,771	3,405	1,015	678	2,107
1932.. ..	16,464	12,627	2,896	941	628	2,121
1933.. ..	19,874	14,900	3,695	1,279	594	2,148
1934.. ..	18,289	13,282	3,571	1,436	550	2,170
1935.. ..	19,944	15,452	3,026	1,466	596	2,247
1936.. ..	21,016	17,775	1,851	1,390	533	2,289
1937.. ..	20,604	17,104	2,070	1,430	565	2,280
1938.. ..	23,185	18,900	2,394	1,891	642	2,271
1939.. ..	23,490	19,244	2,567	1,679	690	2,313
1940.. ..	23,072	19,205	2,461	1,406	651	2,352
1941.. ..	22,334	19,153	1,982	1,199	705	2,327
1942.. ..	25,057	22,100	1,734	1,223	721	2,318
1943.. ..	25,157	21,791	1,897	1,469	826	2,263
1944.. ..	24,096	20,869	1,790	1,437	792	2,209
1945.. ..	20,442	17,687	1,389	1,366	692	2,131
1946.. ..	22,021	18,851	1,772	1,398	710	2,198
1947.. ..	25,084	22,353	1,117	1,614	785	2,272
1948.. ..	26,627	23,551	1,221	1,855	806	2,386
1949.. ..	28,023	25,234	1,237	1,552	669	2,597
1950.. ..	33,003	29,904	1,616	1,483	722	2,751
1951.. ..	35,554	32,036	2,032	1,486	761	2,879

* Particulars for the years 1900 to 1932 represent arrests while in all other years the numbers of offences with which arrested persons were charged are shown.

† Prior to 1936 cases of drunkenness where offenders were discharged on first appearances are not shown as convictions. Since 1936 these cases have been regarded as convictions.

VICTORIA—AGRICULTURE—AREA.

Year.	Total Area Cultivated.	Area under:—					
		Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Rye.	Peas and Beans.
	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.
1850-51..	52,341	28,510	5,008	2,102	24	..	..
1860-61..	407,740	161,252	86,337	4,123	1,650	112	662
1870-71..	762,031	284,167	149,309	19,646	1,014	1,168	4,366
1880-81..	1,742,949	977,285	134,089	68,630	1,769	1,569	23,378
1890-91..	2,417,527	1,145,163	221,648	87,751	10,357	948	25,992
1900-01..	3,717,002	2,017,321	362,689	58,853	9,389	823	7,812
1910-11..	5,386,247	2,398,089	392,681	52,687	20,151	2,640	11,068
1920-21..	6,425,250	2,295,865	443,636	93,954	24,149	1,717	7,655
1921-22..	6,583,276	2,611,198	318,681	100,127	23,227	1,320	9,423
1922-23..	7,049,429	2,644,314	492,356	102,773	25,846	1,291	12,287
1923-24..	6,976,441	2,454,117	520,654	56,564	29,104	899	12,195
1924-25..	6,976,664	2,705,323	517,229	63,764	23,126	1,029	12,787
1925-26..	6,890,628	2,513,494	437,696	103,395	21,913	978	15,055
1926-27..	7,304,194	2,915,315	303,424	88,896	20,046	864	11,476
1927-28..	7,634,302	3,064,172	529,392	76,768	17,645	791	12,176
1928-29..	8,189,113	3,718,904	347,021	75,451	16,077	711	8,038
1929-30..	8,061,920	3,566,135	630,234	97,678	17,640	854	10,253
1930-31..	9,306,289	4,600,200†	371,024	87,518	16,227	959	9,311
1931-32..	7,552,928	3,565,872	439,626	66,381	15,714	754	9,446
1932-33..	7,749,032	3,230,955	368,846	93,555	16,425	1,480	12,509
1933-34..	7,809,956	3,052,931	525,976	106,339	19,538	1,114	15,364
1934-35..	6,894,147	2,458,583	506,638	87,599	18,727	1,325	9,386
1935-36..	6,797,538	2,323,753	505,623	116,371	20,377	1,117	8,285
1936-37..	6,890,475	2,393,827	381,069	100,003	20,115	1,185	7,780
1937-38..	7,266,910	2,686,057	394,436	139,777	20,879	1,051	8,294
1938-39..	7,562,524	2,748,362	657,999	175,891	18,485	1,109	5,669
1939-40..	7,379,767	2,827,417	439,555	204,239	18,963	1,728	6,819
1940-41..	6,354,609	2,672,728	559,200	187,649	15,382	1,888	9,667
1941-42..	6,833,072	2,757,080	421,942	204,279	9,584	3,829	9,206
1942-43..	5,498,586	2,145,156	428,043	77,842	7,131	4,414	9,596
1943-44..	5,198,252	1,793,428	426,305	83,259	6,598	2,919	6,159*
1944-45..	6,004,249	2,141,729	722,169	129,054	4,544	6,081	7,478*
1945-46..	7,721,154	3,251,393	511,483	134,132	6,809	7,698	8,658*
1946-47..	7,563,330	3,501,135	453,898	138,022	8,107	6,237	7,771*
1947-48..	7,550,455	3,227,162	650,119	164,189	7,968	8,148	9,676*
1948-49..	6,988,526	2,995,705	539,603	195,779	6,460	16,606	11,645*
1949-50..	6,910,090	2,828,273	483,190	236,123	5,136	16,690	16,790*
1950-51..	6,504,831	2,735,473	527,217	217,096	4,089	13,160	14,968*
1951-52..	6,297,477	2,463,574	676,503	186,224	4,115	18,556	7,017*

* Peas only.

† Record wheat acreage.

VICTORIA—AGRICULTURE—AREA—continued.

Year.	Area under :—						
	Potatoes.	Onions.	Other Vegetables for Human Consumption.	Hay.	Green Fodder.	Other Stock Fodder (Rootcrops and Pumpkins)	Chicory.
	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.
1850-51 ..	2,838	..	..	13,567	130	..	..
1860-61 ..	24,841	..	5,722	90,921	6,021	2,258	..
1870-71 ..	39,026	287	10,186	163,181	6,868	2,843	220
1880-81 ..	45,951	1,056	12,493	249,656	9,617	2,092	230
1890-91 ..	53,818	2,238	6,909	413,052	10,091	1,600	258
1900-01 ..	38,477	2,815	8,944	502,105	18,975	1,143	184
1910-11 ..	62,904	6,161	10,778	832,669	71,826	2,126	467
1920-21 ..	62,687	8,000	12,201	1,333,397	79,524	934	392
1921-22 ..	63,895	6,158	14,304	1,159,135	89,410	961	615
1922-23 ..	61,741	6,954	14,108	1,261,408	102,451	1,117	739
1923-24 ..	59,306	4,714	16,212	1,277,606	107,371	1,392	608
1924-25 ..	61,295	4,504	14,620	1,120,312	99,531	974	309
1925-26 ..	63,369	5,379	16,609	1,013,613	107,873	1,670	528
1926-27 ..	66,185	8,471	17,751	1,080,993	87,241	976	540
1927-28 ..	77,649	7,659	18,984	908,804	94,895	775	576
1928-29 ..	68,412	7,673	18,630	1,005,063	107,351	672	589
1929-30 ..	58,789	7,828	21,210	865,015	169,253	729	469
1930-31 ..	67,590	6,286	20,197	1,277,398	126,347	608	344
1931-32 ..	69,929	5,306	19,786	955,839	119,006	609	434
1932-33 ..	69,783	7,109	18,249	1,044,523	107,732	645	442
1933-34 ..	60,856	6,785	20,010	1,196,259	121,737	823	405
1934-35 ..	54,214	5,928	20,728	1,261,552	115,037	1,155	429
1935-36 ..	44,287	5,441	20,633	1,140,361	111,056	923	480
1936-37 ..	45,627	5,969	20,790	1,181,612	102,744	1,320	492
1937-38 ..	41,105	6,036	19,819	1,079,039	121,839	986	294
1938-39 ..	34,396	4,898	21,059	1,104,558	108,796	1,193	314
1939-40 ..	32,177	4,503	24,414	1,204,810	91,441	1,157	334
1940-41 ..	44,195	5,004	22,155	672,955	130,738	1,311	477
1941-42 ..	33,392	4,497	22,840	1,007,979	97,158	850	517
1942-43 ..	51,757	5,741	59,282*	788,792	103,598	1,909	500
1943-44 ..	70,430	5,997	66,471*	740,672	112,880	2,634	661
1944-45 ..	83,238	7,905	62,254*	901,983	73,159	3,282	542
1945-46 ..	63,000	8,170	49,898*	1,060,496	63,311	3,060	510
1946-47 ..	56,400	6,460	43,431*	677,787	49,659	1,932	423
1947-48 ..	59,400	6,722	35,907*	657,146	46,100	1,579	442
1948-49 ..	45,785	5,554	38,027*	591,341	50,847	2,327	451
1949-50 ..	50,651	4,093	35,361*	606,525	44,928	1,882	385
1950-51 ..	52,482	4,148	35,742*	557,454	41,279	2,705	450
1951-52 ..	42,108	4,745	38,130	640,418	45,661	3,115	260

* Includes areas of all vegetables sown irrespective of the extent of double cropping.

VICTORIA—AGRICULTURE—AREA—*continued.*

Year.	Area under:—							Sown. Pastures.
	Grass and Clover Seeds.	Hops.	To- bacco.	Vines.	Other Crops.	Orchards.	Land in Fallow.	
	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.
1850-51	..	..	..	162	..	..	..	..
1860-61	..	..	91	1,138	579	1,576	20,457	11,640
1870-71	242	64	93	5,466	24	4,670	69,191	146,984
1880-81	2,817	428	1,990	4,980	984	9,795	194,140	254,994
1890-91	2,587	789	618	20,686	1,095	26,955	385,572	235,241
1900-01	2,235	401	109	30,634	2,671	48,552	602,870	207,896
1910-11	1,295	121	329	23,412	5,291	57,375	1,434,177	991,195
1920-21	1,872	93	95	29,255	6,309	87,768	1,935,747	1,051,290
1921-22	1,800	104	604	33,175	6,684	89,491	2,052,964	1,032,104
1922-23	1,468	194	890	38,892	7,705	86,014	2,186,881	957,454
1923-24	1,306	224	1,047	42,599	10,656	85,570	2,294,297	938,547
1924-25	1,424	269	1,228	42,467	5,845	85,358	2,215,270	843,095
1925-26	1,290	312	1,179	40,712	5,762	82,665	2,457,136	820,337
1926-27	854	196	1,154	41,162	6,414	83,215	2,569,021	952,239
1927-28	758	294	1,176	40,988	7,359	81,397	2,692,044	1,005,513
1928-29	1,486	281	1,317	41,565	7,088	79,322	2,683,462	1,154,718
1929-30	1,670	201	1,822	40,594	8,064	80,820	2,482,662	1,141,157
1930-31	2,000	185	2,650	38,720	8,606	79,490	2,590,629	1,234,612
1931-32	3,278	167	12,191	38,215	7,722	76,834	2,145,819	1,412,846
1932-33	5,502	151	13,418	39,144	8,104	77,173	2,633,287	1,514,582
1933-34	3,529	159	8,900	40,485	8,758	76,945	2,543,043	1,620,870
1934-35	5,840	112	4,765	41,180	8,231	76,254	2,216,464	1,909,443
1935-36	8,222	123	5,840	41,081	9,000	75,788	2,358,777	2,252,541
1936-37	9,406	142	5,492	41,895	11,084	76,760	2,483,163	2,466,887
1937-38	9,358	142	4,736	41,883	11,556	75,067	2,604,556	2,815,770
1938-39	7,534	135	2,559	42,436	12,606	71,300	2,543,225	3,083,878
1939-40	17,452	173	2,018	42,594	12,253	70,315	2,377,405	3,460,191
1940-41	5,842	193	1,926	43,238	22,887	69,756	1,887,418	3,619,335
1941-42	8,606	196	2,232	42,554	35,554	69,413	2,101,360	3,809,954
1942-43	8,612	148	1,850	42,634	31,634	69,776	1,660,171	†
1943-44	7,350	160	2,000	42,711	38,231	70,024	1,719,363	3,838,917
1944-45	5,127	137	1,500	42,914	48,811	68,245	1,694,097	3,604,036
1945-46	8,058	153	1,408	42,843	36,563	69,479	2,394,032	3,944,249
1946-47	15,970	183	1,186	42,948	20,119	71,312	2,460,350	4,074,525
1947-48	11,746	240	958	43,784	20,350	71,513	2,527,306	5,189,320
1948-49	8,617	259	994	45,609	17,486	71,746	2,343,685	5,815,951
1949-50	12,028	278	919	45,386	20,518	71,046	2,429,888	7,820,176
1950-51	10,147	322	1,021	45,313	18,243	69,911	2,153,611	7,142,966
1951-52	11,083	347	1,500	45,267	13,174	68,715	2,026,965	6,796,760

† Information not collected.

VICTORIA—AGRICULTURE—PRODUCTION.

Year.	Produce.						
	Wheat. †	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Rye.	Peas and Beans.	Potatoes.
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	tons.
1850-51	556,167	99,535	40,144	4	..	..	5,613
1860-61	3,459,914	2,633,693	83,854	25,045	1,720	11,973	77,258
1870-71	2,870,409	2,237,610	240,825	20,028	14,856	73,449	127,579
1880-81	9,727,369	2,362,425	1,068,830	49,299	13,978	403,321	129,262
1890-91	12,751,295	4,919,325	1,571,599	574,083	17,583	739,310	204,155
1900-01	17,847,321	9,582,332	1,215,478	604,180	11,989	146,357	123,126
1910-11	34,813,019	9,699,127	1,340,387	982,103	32,647	223,284	163,312
1920-21	39,468,625	10,907,191	2,495,762	1,065,880	21,359	146,150	171,628
1921-22	43,867,596	6,082,258	2,336,248	951,960	14,442	182,579	173,660
1922-23	35,697,220	8,093,459	2,442,041	870,915	15,718	238,552	148,354
1923-24	37,795,704	9,366,205	1,455,435	1,464,731	11,151	253,908	238,520
1924-25	47,364,495	9,572,003	1,444,823	891,987	13,000	274,391	139,043
1925-26	29,255,534	4,998,165	1,774,963	768,761	10,788	185,551	160,729
1926-27	46,886,020	4,884,006	1,920,722	685,407	10,443	217,151	162,909
1927-28	26,160,814	4,682,724	1,552,109	757,780	11,122	160,515	230,348
1928-29	46,818,833	5,602,409	1,556,118	679,816	10,994	125,960	140,158
1929-30	25,412,587	5,058,541	2,183,325	533,719	11,068	211,499	171,747
1930-31	53,814,369	6,893,827	1,983,130	692,896	10,199	171,937	173,341
1931-32	41,955,856	6,450,281	1,256,678	611,902	7,966	142,910	206,489
1932-33	47,843,129	6,363,853	1,995,446	477,145	16,360	190,703	182,471
1933-34	42,613,106	6,778,754	1,888,981	644,033	14,314	232,632	142,132
1934-35	25,850,528	5,248,787	1,609,518	719,360	14,190	145,817	109,329
1935-36	37,552,062	6,365,056	2,314,427	638,643	9,733	133,509	104,125
1936-37	42,844,816	6,107,885	2,143,109	794,506	10,388	165,736	196,623
1937-38	48,173,191	5,327,199	2,708,519	783,835	10,291	138,537	134,712
1938-39	18,104,369	2,909,260	1,671,809	416,578	4,735	46,751	81,415
1939-40	45,054,592	8,280,602	3,738,113	380,698	14,158	125,724	87,931
1940-41	13,521,422	2,624,298	1,186,979	702,956	13,070	131,029	216,568
1941-42	46,953,840	8,149,277	4,792,040	305,875	38,055	126,241	118,454
1942-43	41,803,107	6,637,944	1,273,704	271,321	39,276	139,571	195,138
1943-44	19,733,322	3,704,985	1,078,128	150,433	13,323	100,922*	217,380
1944-45	3,497,677	1,335,429	359,536	165,347	7,377	119,139*	305,216
1945-46	29,633,760	7,401,816	1,743,754	307,934	37,320	148,440*	230,749
1946-47	48,970,908	6,401,430	2,321,912	356,898	29,841	126,771*	223,782
1947-48	46,962,385	15,380,970	3,576,771	323,984	49,554	259,110*	184,882
1948-49	49,063,560	7,489,601	3,547,691	259,898	124,668	263,931*	166,105
1949-50	57,433,835	8,718,307	4,876,180	194,121	127,506	273,483*	167,881
1950-51	51,235,929	9,034,005	4,510,079	186,672	68,994	249,583*	139,391
1951-52	45,994,752	11,151,260	3,619,576	167,942	123,324	164,413	178,399

* Peas only.

† Record wheat harvest, 58,521,706 bushels in 1915-16.

VICTORIA—AGRICULTURE—PRODUCTION—*continued.*

Year.	Produce.						
	Root Crops and Pumpkins for Stock Fodder.	Onions.	Hay.	Chicory.	Grass and Clover Seeds.	Hops.	Tobacco.
	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	bushels.	cwt.	cwt.
1850-51 ..	..	..	20,971	..	..	..	..
1860-61 ..	19,851	1,309	144,211	..	..	..	1,257
1870-71 ..	20,884	1,645	183,708	1,349	2,652	318	467
1880-81 ..	16,975	4,979	300,581	960	26,320	2,744	17,333
1890-91 ..	23,232	13,961	567,779	1,859	36,415	7,931	326
1900-01 ..	12,184	12,766	677,757	233	35,084	2,741	311
1910-11 ..	25,135	37,484	1,292,410	432	16,262	737	1,090
1920-21 ..	9,031	42,985	1,984,854	310	11,555	1,199	908
1921-22 ..	9,902	31,586	1,548,453	468	12,226	1,812	3,735
1922-23 ..	9,998	44,409	1,665,089	640	7,859	2,071	4,151
1923-24 ..	17,791	31,683	1,541,287	690	6,466	2,481	1,165
1924-25 ..	11,869	26,555	1,492,588	314	8,597	4,240	3,199
1925-26 ..	13,091	21,728	929,068	430	7,330	3,934	7,871
1926-27 ..	8,709	43,928	1,387,971	257	5,876	1,169	3,454
1927-28 ..	11,080	32,936	1,001,241	646	4,852	3,843	9,055
1928-29 ..	7,380	29,700	1,267,437	353	20,844	3,676	9,375
1929-30 ..	7,337	43,646	963,089	319	25,696	3,713	11,353
1930-31 ..	8,170	41,193	1,605,900	358	28,744	2,660	11,335
1931-32 ..	7,246	17,946	1,069,276	368	31,442	1,892	59,451
1932-33 ..	5,964	41,013	1,386,028	356	59,124	2,547	36,371
1933-34 ..	11,594	46,068	1,353,796	372	30,285	3,071	13,132
1934-35 ..	11,657	36,187	1,464,264	460	53,214	2,042	13,405
1935-36 ..	8,311	26,143	1,346,953	412	74,158	2,080	25,706
1936-37 ..	12,717	46,130	1,403,049	625	21,886	2,450	15,658
1937-38 ..	10,425	45,583	1,244,935	352	14,314	1,405	20,860
1938-39 ..	5,630	10,404	892,975	202	6,263	742	6,432
1939-40 ..	8,131	27,400	1,820,878	414	30,783	1,740	9,805
1940-41 ..	11,223	25,004	580,237	777	8,828	2,064	10,689
1941-42 ..	7,023	23,420	1,443,505	643	11,985	1,728	14,877
1942-43 ..	11,852	36,500	1,050,107	625	14,204	1,434	9,084
1943-44 ..	10,446	32,203	963,103	649	10,110	1,323	13,785
1944-45 ..	15,494	55,158	704,246	520	4,841	1,374	5,128
1945-46 ..	12,596	46,338	1,444,250	764	11,764	1,936	3,844
1946-47 ..	8,658	28,244	985,224	413	24,770	2,342	9,706
1947-48 ..	7,324	61,540	1,042,438	540	17,893	2,538	1,162
1948-49 ..	14,203	33,684	933,983	861	10,604	3,405	7,084
1949-50 ..	11,936	25,436	1,000,855	581	16,297	3,764	5,967
1950-51 ..	14,267	18,182	894,585	578	11,006	4,002	8,138
1951-52 ..	16,316	31,150	1,046,764	324	16,253	2,590	12,329

VICTORIA—AGRICULTURE—PRODUCTION—continued.

Year.	Produce from Vines.					
	Grapes not made into Wine.	Grapes made into Wine.	Wine.	Raisins.		Currants.
				Lexias, &c.	Sultanas.	
	cwt.	cwt.	gallons.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
1850-51 ..	..	..	4,621	..	..	..
1860-61 ..	7,979	..	12,129	..	..	..
1870-71 ..	26,296	98,642	629,219	..	..	..
1880-81 ..	24,817	79,045	484,028	..	..	..
1890-91 ..	63,535	293,775	2,008,493	1,105	..	30
1900-01 ..	235,268	396,644	2,578,187	27,533	..	2,546
1910-11 ..	397,808	194,630	1,362,420	29,878	49,440	26,394
1920-21 ..	717,069	355,698	2,222,305	33,150	83,737	62,919
1921-22 ..	1,101,880	212,959	1,335,066	49,080	141,317	75,042
1922-23 ..	1,607,502	272,462	1,717,490	67,850	217,670	98,081
1923-24 ..	2,320,800	386,929	2,177,127	71,993	366,834	150,867
1924-25 ..	1,925,959	216,390	1,368,765	70,605	296,304	104,948
1925-26 ..	1,973,258	280,626	1,637,274	54,021	297,485	123,733
1926-27 ..	3,169,722	417,502	2,346,314	75,296	582,418	135,464
1927-28 ..	1,964,403	311,367	2,353,890	75,672	326,649	73,101
1928-29 ..	3,841,828	275,929	1,942,701	94,520	676,599	189,985
1929-30 ..	3,849,105	191,125	1,363,575	95,255	688,399	178,226
1930-31 ..	2,451,067	188,835	1,254,615	84,210	363,336	156,689
1931-32 ..	2,996,854	218,977	1,530,061	65,151	528,893	156,651
1932-33 ..	3,971,322	229,056	1,610,649	92,744	758,617	156,291
1933-34 ..	3,366,740	212,305	1,691,391	86,655	592,581	149,519
1934-35 ..	3,067,405	172,255	1,276,176	78,532	514,209	176,023
1935-36 ..	3,251,018	212,184	1,683,049	92,481	617,237	88,414
1936-37 ..	3,660,843	242,587	1,818,917	90,243	655,090	152,202
1937-38 ..	4,698,443	198,814	1,433,637	106,501	863,579	178,960
1938-39 ..	3,595,914	111,869	825,056	102,016	571,156	206,022
1939-40 ..	4,713,755	156,236	1,126,350	108,403	838,149	212,841
1940-41 ..	3,911,993	154,350	1,208,452	115,137	711,700	132,580
1941-42 ..	4,469,858	160,068	1,163,188	103,191	847,197	174,764
1942-43 ..	4,432,120	177,709	1,381,936	114,860	813,920	172,400
1943-44 ..	4,729,542	168,294	1,319,630	117,920	859,100	199,740
1944-45 ..	3,273,431	112,968	784,886	106,961	554,566	137,167
1945-46 ..	4,026,382	264,723	1,915,705	97,457	762,438	128,701
1946-47 ..	3,519,553	278,382	3,081,622	83,484	660,826	121,751
1947-48 ..	4,356,102	326,580	2,958,292	103,796	839,410	161,718
1948-49 ..	3,565,809	319,749	3,080,512	109,324	604,752	159,335
1949-50 ..	3,810,263	291,357	3,230,129	87,421	756,458	138,600
1950-51 ..	2,899,743	197,511	2,357,716	74,194	485,936	121,611
1951-52 ..	4,045,972	345,045	3,472,352	105,113	791,552	77,165

VICTORIA—AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION—VALUE.

Year.	Value of Agricultural Production.						
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Hay.	Potatoes.	Onions.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1904-05	3,119,878	465,257	123,423	79,967	861,479	417,150	116,721
1909-10	5,501,605	777,547	165,181	119,725	2,432,840	517,775	98,325
1914-15	1,391,647	397,078	161,899	234,597	4,181,827	800,269	167,098
1916-17	10,232,488	828,929	299,481	163,638	2,033,990	550,086	118,423
1917-18	7,547,510	965,973	373,379	243,766	2,801,158	519,605	141,343
1918-19	5,994,469	1,175,882	461,056	190,522	4,622,523	1,079,496	236,451
1919-20	5,726,667	1,848,903	477,573	336,920	8,304,475	1,328,640	274,375
1920-21	14,307,377	1,295,229	447,352	186,529	5,259,863	586,458	131,104
1921-22	10,509,945	931,346	401,600	194,358	4,413,091	555,111	157,930
1922-23	8,031,875	1,416,355	436,237	205,311	6,327,338	1,040,662	139,888
1923-24	8,189,069	1,455,331	262,210	253,276	5,229,162	701,229	215,444
1924-25	11,993,546	934,538	354,006	137,948	3,639,496	682,878	209,803
1925-26	6,665,150	684,320	290,166	172,825	3,497,253	1,309,470	267,793
1926-27	9,546,812	653,291	295,739	152,055	4,719,925	671,673	110,839
1927-28	4,724,369	688,804	297,327	121,368	3,683,272	388,537	188,186
1928-29	8,364,675	627,521	222,504	136,067	3,502,862	1,189,349	187,233
1929-30	3,559,063	554,547	300,202	112,686	2,998,282	691,273	74,704
1930-31	4,478,732	426,936	168,787	95,634	2,649,735	335,910	61,447
1931-32	5,742,409	467,591	144,911	103,417	2,232,114	587,356	187,384
1932-33	5,411,525	431,991	186,814	92,157	2,841,357	541,519	88,177
1933-34	5,241,554	578,994	184,297	91,405	3,192,702	538,677	113,176
1934-35	4,119,773	468,622	184,545	131,945	3,145,257	670,872	191,540
1935-36	6,560,446	544,655	259,568	137,684	2,963,105	578,870	167,063
1936-37	10,161,533	672,456	393,249	189,679	3,712,145	489,632	223,446
1937-38	7,859,971	743,829	421,823	165,572	4,979,740	638,268	108,524
1938-39	2,241,991	322,100	224,145	91,506	3,352,862	846,649	174,269
1939-40	6,594,195	608,133	469,638	93,520	3,345,863	725,962	141,795
1940-41	2,355,901	366,028	191,211	117,543	2,030,830	574,383	294,632
1941-42	7,993,157	762,688	565,310	107,599	4,330,515	1,507,621	301,661
1942-43	7,518,405	721,571	225,905	89,904	4,200,428	1,697,700	458,075
1943-44	3,753,315	430,497	217,952	53,379	4,219,087	2,160,192	403,342
1944-45	1,896,500	535,928	206,589	59,805	4,579,587	3,064,501	697,289
1945-46	8,621,711	1,129,836	408,369	112,558	5,594,774	2,377,434	585,789
1946-47	17,581,748	1,239,044	695,393	129,029	3,765,362	2,210,471	396,417
1947-48	29,910,971	4,704,161	2,252,029	140,128	5,073,771	1,969,229	746,422
1948-49	23,349,112	1,255,072	1,095,624	121,768	5,432,709	2,536,450	429,832
1949-50	30,550,598	2,137,070	2,091,294	107,574	6,506,555	2,849,153	480,690
1950-51	26,400,659	3,134,617	2,044,910	176,972	8,025,361	3,169,078	504,551

VICTORIA—AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION—VALUE—*continued.*

Year.	Value of Agricultural Production— <i>continued.</i>						
	Green Fodder.	Raisins and Sultanas.	Currants.	Fruit (including Grapes for table consumption).	Market Gardens.	All Other.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1904-05	74,755	49,526	9,757	405,263	197,600	295,437	6,216,213
1909-10	141,465	130,558	49,334	489,738	255,350	417,890	11,097,333
1914-15	418,962	181,177	37,085	536,797	323,375	352,819	9,184,630
1916-17	149,001	227,448	91,355	633,718	268,650	359,317	15,956,524
1917-18	167,709	191,523	92,803	783,293	284,050	289,061	14,401,173
1918-19	368,205	317,668	139,880	934,677	405,790	435,485	16,362,104
1919-20	449,010	632,936	139,153	1,330,550	442,155	592,688	21,884,045
1920-21	397,620	348,305	157,298	1,090,751	427,035	555,429	25,190,350
1921-22	447,050	570,473	187,605	1,236,707	500,640	432,302	20,538,158
1922-23	512,255	687,367	171,642	1,254,788	493,780	479,525	21,197,026
1923-24	536,855	750,975	285,135	1,249,783	810,600	550,193	20,489,262
1924-25	497,655	791,786	110,099	1,146,825	731,000	471,327	21,700,907
1925-26	539,365	750,417	93,972	1,337,126	830,450	548,071	16,986,378
1926-27	436,205	1,294,263	182,536	1,055,290	887,550	560,944	20,567,122
1927-28	474,475	699,341	152,171	1,281,297	949,200	539,106	14,187,453
1928-29	535,755	940,848	273,186	1,152,747	931,500	387,916	18,452,163
1929-30	846,265	894,187	186,406	967,861	1,060,500	439,015	12,684,991
1930-31	631,735	776,658	194,039	888,425	1,009,850	527,043	12,244,931
1931-32	595,030	1,258,111	282,620	917,846	989,300	1,504,464	15,012,553
1932-33	538,660	1,202,961	224,341	1,258,405	912,450	1,220,910	14,951,267
1933-34	330,633	1,084,717	232,037	866,378	1,000,500	669,922	14,124,992
1934-35	304,786	884,631	226,983	1,035,185	1,036,400	621,213	13,021,752
1935-36	303,025	1,218,509	136,058	1,226,077	1,031,650	736,377	15,863,087
1936-37	285,117	1,344,330	206,938	1,329,346	1,039,500	773,433	20,820,804
1937-38	319,491	1,591,107	211,019	1,438,633	990,950	797,847	20,276,774
1938-39	295,934	1,125,195	268,778	1,408,119	1,052,950	511,569	12,026,067
1939-40	244,253	1,458,300	266,885	1,339,372	1,220,700	707,934	17,216,550
1940-41	339,020	1,538,011	193,363	1,490,522	1,107,750	849,247	11,448,441
1941-42	256,395	1,869,781	301,506	1,450,841	1,142,000	1,058,316	21,647,390
1942-43	258,349	2,037,632	311,453	2,159,891	3,819,005*	920,967	24,419,285
1943-44	278,683	2,323,157	397,370	3,005,694	3,888,144*	1,082,740	22,213,552
1944-45	180,963	1,638,860	280,836	2,831,488	4,673,117*	952,630	21,598,093
1945-46	167,115	2,234,496	282,117	2,653,852	4,065,007*	1,082,387	29,315,445
1946-47	126,598	2,121,980	308,977	2,773,115	3,858,480*	1,232,185	36,438,799
1947-48	115,630	2,787,565	391,651	2,871,201	3,099,641*	1,313,994	55,375,993
1948-49	150,012	2,327,767	459,674	2,902,215	3,508,065*	1,595,748	45,164,048
1949-50	151,609	3,267,951	494,750	3,703,504	4,140,183*	1,854,525	58,335,456
1950-51	155,911	3,103,974	543,431	4,520,697	6,086,495*	2,234,088	60,100,744

NOTE.—The above figures represent values at the place of production. These are obtained by deducting all cost of marketing from the gross values. As seed costs, in addition to marketing charges, were deducted in the years prior to 1930-31, these values are not comparable with those of latter years.

* Value of all vegetables whether grown in market-gardens, orchards, or as field crops.

VICTORIA—LIVE STOCK—NUMBERS.

As at March.			Live Stock.				
			Horses.	Cattle.		Sheep.	Pigs.
				Dairy Cows.	All Other.		
			No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1861	..	..	76,536	197,332	525,000	5,780,896	61,259
1871	..	..	167,220	197,814	523,282	10,761,887	130,946
1881	..	..	275,516	329,198	957,069	10,360,285	241,936
1891	..	..	436,469	395,091	1,387,887	12,692,843	282,457
1901	..	..	392,237	521,612	1,080,772	10,841,790	350,370
1915	..	..	552,053	610,517	752,025	12,051,685	243,196
1920	..	..	513,500	623,652	1,007,468	14,422,745	186,810
1925	..	..	473,236	760,207	845,347	12,649,898	288,509
1926	..	..	463,051	727,940	785,847	13,740,500	339,601
1927	..	..	447,988	673,089	762,672	14,919,653	284,271
1928	..	..	428,666	626,139	700,938	15,557,067	212,785
1929	..	..	412,877	615,092	689,334	16,498,222	222,084
1930	..	..	393,015	619,416	715,826	17,427,203	265,978
1931	..	..	379,872	669,132	760,788	16,477,995	281,245
1932	..	..	375,459	775,538	861,992	16,376,217	286,780
1933	..	..	372,907	887,996	1,012,926	17,512,394	287,627
1934	..	..	361,005	910,187	1,092,048	17,195,969	240,530
1935	..	..	357,877	951,849	1,133,231	16,783,631	265,006
1936	..	..	356,106	987,676	1,103,570	17,457,291	314,301
1937	..	..	357,158	968,555	1,037,204	17,663,103	318,673
1938	..	..	359,106	952,906	927,523	18,863,467	285,259
1939	..	..	343,828	889,259	808,036	17,007,352	252,462
1940	..	..	326,217	917,051	870,546	18,251,870	297,655
1941	..	..	318,441	942,107	980,229	20,412,362	397,945
1942	..	..	302,401	954,493	1,032,051	20,598,201	285,227
1943	..	..	292,534	2,022,892		19,614,040	307,929
1944	..	..	277,662	938,484	1,074,549	19,220,457	337,878
1945	..	..	253,782	925,307	977,803	16,457,101	296,232
1946	..	..	232,473	882,646	944,441	14,655,277	271,887
1947	..	..	227,164	956,140	1,103,921	16,598,490	290,450
1948	..	..	221,454	975,338	1,198,865	17,931,173	271,492
1949	..	..	213,090	1,010,518	1,214,025	19,170,312	223,823
1950	..	..	200,143	1,036,370	1,194,578	19,161,043	212,901
1951	..	..	186,415	1,021,249	1,195,004	20,011,933	237,127
1952	..	..	169,246	993,201	1,221,329	21,537,229	213,670

VICTORIA—PASTORAL AND DAIRY PRODUCTION.

Year.	Lambs Marked during Season.	Live Stock Slaughtered for Human Consumption.			
		Sheep.	Lambs.	Cattle and Calves.	Pigs.
		No.	No.	No.	No.
1901	Not Available.	2,469,797		251,477	261,479
1902		2,827,938		233,206	224,431
1903		2,652,569		235,284	164,745
1904		2,305,729		243,937	191,311
1905		2,576,316		249,454	248,568
1906		2,826,144		261,034	274,391
1907		3,226,141		289,709	257,095
1908		3,309,865		279,710	225,162
1909		3,708,512		287,543	210,613
1910		4,245,881		319,665	257,287
1911		4,348,363		347,926	345,547
1912		4,153,269		368,512	331,364
1913		4,742,231		410,694	286,931
1914		4,550,272		470,011	260,017
1915		2,973,803		356,174	216,003
1916		2,647,200		247,781	214,228
1917		2,499,002		217,480	298,073
1918		3,581,460		223,340	377,390
1919		6,324,490		362,475	329,190
1920		4,244,798		374,545	240,557
1921	3,975,417	2,763,316	1,238,800	329,862	239,307
1922		3,693,518	2,158,171	420,856	307,923
1923		2,825,445	1,241,539	455,631	372,319
1924		2,248,665	1,339,913	495,958	368,677
1925		2,308,649	1,879,722	519,605	390,942
1926	3,968,754	2,592,467	1,926,473	496,989	409,857
1927-28	3,754,323 (1927)	3,164,976	1,554,337	467,898	357,852
1928-29	4,836,075 (1928)	3,134,143	2,144,151	464,424	354,180
1929-30	5,103,714 (1929)	3,631,127	2,366,810	383,815	347,437
1930-31	4,309,926 (1930)	3,524,927	2,208,621	326,717	398,952
1931-32	4,872,199 (1931)	3,130,985	2,540,987	373,733	392,178
1932-33	5,564,997 (1932)	3,518,603	3,586,314	423,737	425,481
1933-34	4,978,382 (1933)	3,840,890	3,829,467	464,461	419,266
1934-35	5,261,560 (1934)	3,366,364	4,267,323	567,775	414,463
1935-36	5,296,324 (1935)	3,095,538	4,582,967	763,014	495,017
1936-37	5,410,707 (1936)	3,071,642	4,824,520	890,058	567,575
1937-38	6,239,259 (1937)	3,417,456	4,650,946	1,039,507	507,971
1938-39	5,506,859 (1938)	3,681,129	4,025,643	791,310	443,447
1939-40	5,891,251 (1939)	3,262,013	3,723,935	727,730	421,509
1940-41	7,367,318 (1940)	3,760,876	4,584,367	714,004	570,370
1941-42	6,776,825 (1941)	3,983,968	4,627,364	749,609	569,679
1942-43	7,129,692 (1942)	4,225,073	5,449,260	744,448	438,973
1943-44	7,251,821 (1943)	4,989,169	4,215,377	754,839	389,785
1944-45	6,086,522 (1944)	4,969,831	4,121,243	794,753	413,890
1945-46	3,503,096 (1945)	2,861,651	2,195,031	573,452	316,300
1946-47	5,936,792 (1946)	2,896,162	3,409,202	678,570	359,346
1947-48	6,939,854 (1947)	2,632,121	3,599,560	806,648	378,547
1948-49	7,086,995 (1948)	3,223,509	3,468,126	850,033	375,825
1949-50	6,995,650 (1949)	4,059,490	4,315,223	901,101	299,753
1950-51	7,063,583 (1950)	2,875,847	3,009,404	940,588	313,686
1951-52	7,054,934 (1951)	..	..	..	..

VICTORIA—PASTORAL AND DAIRYING PRODUCTION—*continued.*

Year.	Wool (greasy).	Butter made.	Cheese made.	Bacon and Hams Cured.
	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.
1891	*	16,703,786	3,311,012	*
1900	*	55,604,118	4,284,170	13,204,547
1910	101,803,644	70,603,787	4,530,893	16,581,361
1911	110,463,041	86,500,474	4,549,843	19,617,212
1912	88,762,612	67,655,834	4,176,778	20,094,206
1913	106,833,690	73,381,567	4,856,321	19,340,878
1914	95,406,867	62,421,288	4,395,502	18,861,755
1915	82,330,198	42,345,113	3,497,278	13,705,004
1916-17 ..	94,845,024	59,568,771	5,869,562	18,146,328
1921-22 ..	103,512,777	82,981,570	5,675,909	17,396,798
1922-23 ..	102,467,950	84,355,939	3,754,958	19,269,124
1923-24 ..	82,513,361	86,888,723	7,216,938	22,540,974
1924-25 ..	106,787,897	100,849,382	6,193,135	21,993,869
1925-26 ..	112,260,814	81,747,291	5,279,009	21,213,925
1926-27 ..	121,299,621	81,995,815	5,997,648	20,952,310
1927-28 ..	118,803,036	84,270,812	5,621,945	20,605,148
1928-29 ..	149,878,588	93,728,516	5,505,932	19,401,447
1929-30 ..	146,056,889	90,639,652	6,953,949	18,888,537
1930-31 ..	133,511,466	110,006,619	8,064,463	18,232,219
1931-32 ..	145,201,743	132,131,802	7,723,328	18,287,404
1932-33 ..	158,512,193	144,564,666	9,189,018	18,101,958
1933-34 ..	150,170,125	134,942,177	8,363,233	17,735,453
1934-35 ..	150,945,884	147,651,179	10,095,139	16,334,018
1935-36 ..	163,397,896	148,132,507	10,973,804	18,165,168
1936-37 ..	163,048,510	154,769,391	13,350,124	17,571,792
1937-38 ..	178,890,131	141,321,445	16,466,038	16,696,404
1938-39 ..	165,829,182	130,573,918	19,348,519	16,510,137
1939-40 ..	179,125,526	164,826,094	24,495,121	17,886,305
1940-41 ..	187,831,364	156,345,602	18,376,904	20,039,929
1941-42 ..	212,919,041	140,816,692	22,518,272	18,739,384†
1942-43 ..	208,204,492	125,675,000	25,266,000	19,334,343†
1943-44 ..	196,415,227	111,639,000	26,660,000	21,198,255†
1944-45 ..	177,143,057	106,518,000	27,462,000	26,609,925†
1945-46 ..	152,397,507	114,573,000	33,406,000	20,961,254†
1946-47 ..	197,076,238	134,935,869	39,526,323	24,592,389†
1947-48 ..	191,003,880	128,967,799	36,239,207	24,832,276†
1948-49 ..	195,404,886	136,946,388	41,163,283	22,692,847†
1949-50 ..	216,639,307	144,827,060	47,492,370	21,570,829†
1950-51 ..	212,894,476	132,263,117	50,573,190	19,633,581†

* Not available.

† In factories only.

VICTORIA—PASTORAL AND DAIRYING PRODUCTION—VALUE.

Year.	Value of Pastoral and Dairying Production.				
	Wool.	Horses.	Cattle.†	Sheep.†	Pigs.†
	£	£	£	£	£
1904-05 ..	3,543,810	198,456	1,740,767	1,429,970	380,616
1910-11 ..	4,318,100	388,556	1,860,888	1,298,740	541,785
1916-17 ..	5,927,814	262,020	4,774,610	3,928,860	825,450
1917-18 ..	6,410,077	70,880	5,270,940	3,641,630	1,002,250
1918-19 ..	7,621,410	97,640	5,383,660	3,288,330	884,280
1919-20 ..	7,908,010	..	4,856,100	2,782,290	1,139,960
1920-21 ..	4,729,400	..	5,269,650	1,750,220	1,250,680
1921-22 ..	4,662,750	71,800	3,099,300	1,991,600	1,277,730
1922-23 ..	6,380,600	..	3,384,270	3,752,260	1,280,040
1923-24 ..	7,695,000	..	1,413,310	2,600,450	1,507,600
1924-25 ..	11,440,240	..	3,538,240	4,390,880	1,588,620
1925-26 ..	7,082,820	..	3,707,000	3,316,660	1,720,740
1926-27 ..	7,876,683	..	2,230,830	2,585,770	1,343,750
1927-28 ..	9,701,660	..	3,308,880	3,740,310	1,189,410
1928-29 ..	10,252,002	..	5,299,000	3,262,707	2,311,959
1929-30 ..	5,694,019	..	4,892,894	3,054,581	1,856,421
1930-31 ..	4,374,933	11,051	3,111,614	2,510,845	1,558,396
1931-32 ..	4,813,663	9,301	2,417,432	1,809,447	1,209,528
1932-33 ..	4,880,066	7,379	2,516,130	1,210,382	1,312,045
1933-34 ..	8,735,183	19,270	3,658,574	3,915,441	1,353,565
1934-35 ..	5,519,469	66,764	3,402,232	4,700,644	1,154,966
1935-36 ..	8,991,206	47,180	4,392,228	4,613,721	1,781,393
1936-37 ..	10,618,871	..	4,235,861	5,451,803	2,481,841
1937-38 ..	8,922,596	8,708	5,169,535	5,442,794	1,487,321
1938-39 ..	6,677,765	44,596	4,442,251	5,172,214	1,329,009
1939-40 ..	9,800,303	..	3,862,673	3,787,796	1,347,562
1940-41 ..	10,380,356	..	4,601,859	4,651,208	2,181,171
1941-42 ..	11,765,038	..	5,388,235	4,539,279	2,732,988
1942-43 ..	13,399,024	27,512	6,188,942	6,124,362	2,976,662
1943-44 ..	12,510,938	..	6,741,994	7,844,181	2,463,764
1944-45 ..	11,149,746	..	6,773,679	7,533,893	2,771,740
1945-46 ..	8,955,354	..	5,656,698	4,736,249	2,005,756
1946-47 ..	17,336,538	..	6,696,090	5,958,346	2,196,348
1947-48 ..	27,082,608	..	9,044,561	6,862,317	2,491,897
1948-49 ..	34,197,832	..	12,136,395	7,726,358	2,807,722
1949-50 ..	51,887,118	..	15,044,564	11,133,573	2,967,544
1950-51 ..	126,289,160	..	22,083,146	13,664,218	3,359,974

† In the year 1927-28 and subsequent years, increases or decreases in the numbers have not been taken into consideration in the valuation of live stock, which is now based on the number slaughtered each year.

VICTORIA—PASTORAL AND DAIRYING PRODUCTION—VALUE—*continued.*

Year.	Value of Pastoral and Dairying Production.			
	Whole Milk Consumed.*	Cream Used for Making Butter.	Milk Used for Making Cheese.	Total.
	£	£	£	£
1904-05 ..	696,972	2,414,695	89,022	10,494,308
1910-11 ..	1,020,360	3,109,510	105,340	12,643,279
1916-17 ..	2,451,170	4,224,420	223,040	22,617,384
1917-18 ..	2,786,890	4,229,310	197,750	23,609,727
1918-19 ..	3,395,040	4,868,670	257,880	25,796,910
1919-20 ..	3,973,020	4,945,480	344,210	25,949,070
1920-21 ..	4,583,650	7,043,950	189,070	24,816,620
1921-22 ..	4,181,790	5,127,570	203,620	20,616,160
1922-23 ..	3,557,530	6,660,600	163,180	25,178,480
1923-24 ..	3,816,835	6,491,310	253,795	23,778,300
1924-25 ..	3,558,045	6,618,240	204,890	31,339,155
1925-26 ..	3,955,010	6,182,120	227,660	26,192,010
1926-27 ..	3,979,740	6,233,400	270,620	24,620,793
1927-28 ..	4,266,230	6,675,700	244,140	29,126,330
1928-29 ..	2,725,272	6,257,929	189,420	30,298,289
1929-30 ..	2,591,329	5,875,567	194,216	24,159,027
1930-31 ..	2,127,171	5,305,327	189,086	19,188,423
1931-32 ..	1,813,612	5,706,408	171,963	17,951,354
1932-33 ..	1,744,070	5,988,609	180,806	17,839,487
1933-34 ..	1,844,946	4,192,361	146,208	23,865,548
1934-35 ..	2,247,808	5,317,537	201,991	22,611,411
1935-36 ..	2,447,197	6,433,169	253,857	28,959,951
1936-37 ..	2,813,335	6,882,750	319,157	32,803,618
1937-38 ..	3,146,571	7,340,263	461,248	31,979,036
1938-39 ..	3,486,168	6,831,850	549,147	28,533,000
1939-40 ..	3,227,005	9,017,044	680,560	31,722,943
1940-41 ..	3,583,016	8,565,185	517,234	34,480,029
1941-42 ..	3,875,018	7,644,724	652,967	36,598,259
1942-43 ..	3,966,264†	6,957,188‡	819,703‡	41,135,352§
1943-44 ..	4,140,895‡	6,484,915‡	792,856‡	43,476,947§
1944-45 ..	4,277,096‡	6,099,985‡	862,385‡	42,695,147§
1945-46 ..	4,569,916‡	7,203,179‡	1,306,779‡	37,580,931§
1946-47 ..	5,066,314‡	9,098,464‡	1,448,104‡	50,667,874§
1947-48 ..	5,357,800‡	9,897,433‡	1,500,920‡	65,660,882§
1948-49 ..	6,685,991‡	12,026,065‡	2,048,227‡	79,747,192§
1949-50 ..	9,236,038‡	13,694,623‡	2,549,104‡	109,616,880§
1950-51 ..	10,746,859‡	12,375,534‡	2,612,219‡	196,387,085

* Includes the value of milk used for condensing and for other dairy products, except butter and cheese.

† Exclusive of relative portion of Commonwealth subsidy.

‡ Inclusive of Commonwealth subsidy to dairying industry 1942-43, £675,695; 1943-44 £2,497,404; 1944-45, £3,226,620; 1945-46, £3,147,000; 1946-47, £2,867,070; 1947-48 £3,423,340; 1948-49, £2,118,602; 1949-50, £3,104,316; 1950-51, £5,255,975.

NOTE.—Since 1928-29 the values given to dairy products are the prices paid primary producers for the milk or cream.

VICTORIA—MINERAL PRODUCTION.

Year.	Gold Produced.		Black Coal Produced.		Brown Coal Produced.	
	Estimated Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	oz. gross.	£	tons.	£	tons.	£
1870 ..	1,304,304	5,217,216	100	100	..	..
1880 ..	829,121	3,316,484	..	..	..	..
1890 ..	588,560	2,354,240	14,601	13,899	9,327	2,333
1900 ..	807,407	3,229,628	211,596	101,599	..	..
	oz. fine.					
1910 ..	570,383	2,422,745	369,059	188,977	650	277
1915 ..	329,068	1,397,793	588,104	274,770	2,864	573
1920 ..	152,792	648,969	442,241	464,739	162,682	64,180
1921 ..	104,512	443,938	514,859	603,323	79,224	31,074
1922 ..	106,872	453,962	559,284	664,251	90,402	31,179
1923 ..	95,403	405,245	476,823	525,270	116,888	38,019
1924 ..	67,167	285,316	518,315	569,555	127,490	41,116
1925 ..	47,296	200,958	534,246	596,117	876,468	166,404
1926 ..	49,078	208,471	591,001	657,798	957,935	188,899
1927 ..	38,538	163,699	684,245	762,530	1,455,482	220,003
1928 ..	33,917	144,068	658,323	953,199	1,591,858	202,393
1929 ..	26,275	111,609	703,828	1,050,878	1,741,176	178,052
1930 ..	24,119	102,456	703,487	1,039,263	1,831,507	173,713
1931 ..	43,637	262,488	571,342	545,589	2,194,453	151,511
1932 ..	47,745	351,586	432,353	417,219	2,612,512	276,799
1933 ..	58,183	448,228	523,000	492,141	2,580,060	271,360
1934 ..	70,196	597,040	356,958	329,937	2,617,534	264,192
1935 ..	87,609	768,401	476,495	435,128	2,221,515	317,444
1936 ..	117,596	1,018,670	426,725	390,743	3,044,897	323,914
1937 ..	145,799	1,266,507	257,945	254,126	3,393,919	325,950
1938 ..	144,243	1,273,351	307,258	286,679	3,675,450	351,721
1939 ..	156,522	1,533,899	364,595	259,814	3,651,014	385,952
1940 ..	180,567	1,924,396	267,694	230,452	4,280,275	391,549
1941 ..	149,769	1,600,016	326,441	303,761	4,565,638	422,993
1942 ..	101,497	1,060,868	312,854	411,107	4,933,861	469,699
1943 ..	56,511	590,544	287,100	429,358	5,091,729	528,666
1944 ..	54,086	568,465	257,692	407,793	5,016,437	566,444
1945 ..	61,790	661,425	247,297	494,690	5,445,108	641,069
1946 ..	86,993	936,268	191,290	397,662	5,707,039	706,504
1947 ..	84,709	911,683	173,683	299,784	6,140,140	937,429
1948 ..	68,580	738,100	167,540	347,687	6,692,291	1,187,715
1949 ..	68,426	839,316	122,507	379,464	7,375,559	1,469,455
1950 ..	67,826	1,050,740	126,431	382,230	7,327,119	1,706,612
1951 ..	66,063	1,023,448	147,743	600,734	7,836,056	2,754,822

VICTORIA—FACTORIES (EXCLUSIVE OF QUARRIES).

Year.	Number.	Number of Hands Employed.	Salaries and Wages Paid.	Value of Machinery, Plant, Land, and Buildings.	Value of Output.
			£	£	£
1860 ..	566	5,467	..	..	..
1870 ..	1,579	17,630	..	..	..
1880 ..	2,468	38,178	..	7,465,328	13,370,836
1890 ..	3,104	56,369	..	16,773,448	22,390,251
1900 ..	3,097	64,207	..	11,894,949	19,478,780
1910 ..	4,873	102,176	7,600,932	16,613,348	36,660,854
1915 ..	5,413	113,834	11,036,345	22,529,072	51,466,093
1916-17 ..	5,445	116,970	11,833,517	23,784,289	60,047,284
1917-18 ..	5,627	118,241	12,502,601	25,460,282	67,066,715
1918-19 ..	5,720	122,349	14,080,403	27,318,735	80,195,677
1919-20 ..	6,038	136,522	17,702,173	30,804,520	101,475,363
1920-21 ..	6,532	140,743	21,377,216	35,492,735	106,008,294
1921-22 ..	6,753	144,876	23,846,495	40,992,280	106,243,181
1922-23 ..	7,096	152,625	25,547,192	46,423,240	111,286,343
1923-24 ..	7,289	156,162	27,472,084	53,196,475	113,921,927
1924-25 ..	7,425	154,158	29,057,052	61,031,975	118,177,398
1925-26 ..	7,461	152,959	29,329,400	60,396,500	119,968,439
1926-27 ..	7,690	161,639	31,822,589	63,850,005	127,397,951
1927-28 ..	8,245	160,357	32,087,051	67,507,020	128,465,317
1928-29 ..	8,197	156,568	31,533,586	69,909,370	127,897,463
1929-30 ..	8,195	151,009	30,517,535	72,011,020	122,811,099
1930-31 ..	8,199	126,016	23,279,689	70,990,071	93,425,795
1931-32 ..	8,204	128,265	21,258,599	68,350,575	93,388,617
1932-33 ..	8,612	144,428	23,096,512	67,827,428	102,085,429
1933-34 ..	8,896	156,334	24,819,143	68,834,279	108,496,310
1934-35 ..	9,100	169,691	27,318,815	70,591,677	117,182,857
1935-36 ..	9,160	183,390	30,593,707	71,872,906	134,043,170
1936-37 ..	9,165	191,383	33,192,904	75,161,894	142,692,192
1937-38 ..	9,241	201,789	37,228,543	77,207,830	157,050,725
1938-39 ..	9,250	201,831	38,305,885	80,652,988	152,967,611
1939-40 ..	9,215	212,461	41,920,726	84,697,062	174,304,401
1940-41 ..	9,121	237,636	52,294,673	92,050,326	209,348,845
1941-42 ..	8,918	258,400	67,158,613	98,157,370	257,281,080
1942-43 ..	8,738	262,357	76,033,111	104,605,310	277,678,940
1943-44 ..	9,317	261,299	77,400,688	110,520,701	284,647,914
1944-45 ..	9,669	257,633	74,226,135	116,379,925	287,422,311
1945-46 ..	10,195	256,249	70,499,214	118,802,347	286,989,408
1946-47 ..	10,949	265,757	77,993,765	121,877,270	315,437,679
1947-48 ..	11,642	278,271	93,802,000	132,058,000	377,412,000
1948-49 ..	12,702	292,006	112,410,000	149,464,000	446,838,000
1949-50 ..	13,231	303,476	130,254,000	176,872,000	526,466,000
1950-51 ..	13,504	316,792	163,207,000	208,587,000	675,033,000

VICTORIA—SHIPPING, COMMERCE.

Year.	Shipping.				Recorded Value of Oversea Imports.*	Recorded Value of Oversea Exports.†
	Entered.		Cleared.			
	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.		
					£	£
1860 ..	1,814	581,642	1,841	599,137	12,736,535	11,390,445
1870 ..	1,759	630,474	1,834	645,571	10,608,267	11,236,300
1880 ..	1,648	1,006,478	1,688	1,028,721	9,034,538	12,151,798
1890 ..	2,076	2,119,171	2,078	2,128,895	15,161,356	9,553,031
1900 ..	1,928	2,901,619	1,935	2,912,696	11,937,644	12,165,364
1910 ..	2,308	4,952,273	2,312	4,954,773	20,002,606	18,188,236
1914 (to 30th June)	1,281	3,150,689	1,297	3,208,400	12,718,794	8,994,698
1921-22 ..	2,442	5,506,127	2,436	5,518,393	36,352,056	34,644,182
1922-23 ..	2,634	6,611,352	2,634	6,618,968	46,729,100	33,768,701
1923-24 ..	2,666	6,782,495	2,676	6,749,873	49,592,643	29,612,548
1924-25 ..	2,577	6,807,357	2,605	6,876,355	54,289,690	41,641,979
1925-26 ..	2,470	6,485,561	2,447	6,494,779	50,327,055	33,317,301
1926-27 ..	2,667	7,187,147	2,666	7,180,748	55,560,936	34,556,433
1927-28 ..	2,589	6,844,809	2,608	6,869,313	47,911,131	31,591,878
1928-29 ..	2,474	6,798,092	2,466	6,815,305	46,005,650	39,090,707
1929-30 ..	2,499	6,911,048	2,488	6,877,418	42,301,093	36,499,943
1930-31 ..	2,166	6,161,699	2,181	6,238,325	20,305,201	26,754,761
1931-32 ..	2,097	5,996,094	2,101	6,018,664	16,043,817	27,764,310
1932-33 ..	2,343	6,688,911	2,296	6,674,138	21,516,988	29,809,418
1933-34 ..	2,393	6,791,063	2,359	6,775,019	22,404,232	30,519,726
1934-35 ..	2,603	7,435,416	2,585	7,407,121	26,345,073	28,119,827
1935-36 ..	2,719	7,939,719	2,711	7,907,632	30,616,131	34,982,544
1936-37 ..	2,848	8,098,613	2,849	8,070,031	32,593,726	43,587,646
1937-38 ..	3,019	8,537,857	2,991	8,520,864	39,222,998	41,243,667
1938-39 ..	2,979	8,537,085	2,989	8,479,995	35,455,336	30,819,012
1939-40 ..	2,658	7,024,938	2,672	7,092,540	42,583,675	39,819,191
1940-41 ..	2,465	5,590,010	2,473	5,568,256	46,231,215	45,347,563
1941-42 ..	2,154	4,451,343	2,139	4,459,084	59,781,018	42,662,353†
1942-43 ..	1,681	3,281,980	1,678	3,260,936	110,433,044	34,549,851†
1943-44 ..	1,494	3,000,917	1,499	2,986,356	90,252,312	36,546,893†
1944-45 ..	1,412	2,998,775	1,444	3,096,963	64,768,542	40,070,161†
1945-46 ..	1,442	3,485,783	1,434	3,482,275	54,048,349	75,916,365
1946-47 ..	1,679	4,844,421	1,659	4,804,031	67,071,725	88,611,358
1947-48 ..	1,846	5,679,722	1,825	5,608,437	120,600,004†	115,963,539
1948-49 ..	2,068	7,054,653	2,079	7,091,571	145,573,187†	136,459,229
1949-50 ..	2,315	8,305,761	2,314	8,301,760	184,256,748†	166,196,573
1950-51 ..	2,287	8,528,946	2,316	8,599,072	263,066,345†	265,044,013
1951-52 ..	2,316	8,748,426	2,328	8,840,036	363,303,311†	185,826,156

* From 1930-31 to 1946-47 value of overseas imports are shown in British Currency.

† Australian Currency values.

‡ Exclusive of Victoria's portion (which is not available) of exports on Government account estimated for Australia at £A.12,600,000 in 1941-42, £A.2,500,000 in 1942-43, £A.10,000,000 in 1943-44, and £A.2,000,000 in 1944-45.

VICTORIA—COMMERCE.

Year.	Exports (Oversea) of—			
	Wool.		Butter.	
	Quantity.	Value.†	Quantity.	Value.†
	lb.	£	lb.	£
1850	17,780,000	815,892	.. ..	.. ..
1860	24,216,847	2,021,396	705,040	27,974
1870	51,830,526	3,199,309	137,475	4,704
1880	111,509,915	6,372,306	1,096,401	29,996
1890	131,041,074	5,862,011	1,297,777	47,972
1900	100,743,853	4,164,656	32,087,739	1,243,260
1910	164,213,073	7,190,789	39,698,122	1,780,044
1914*	44,626,388	1,979,174	9,373,252	475,898
1914-15 ..	115,234,566	5,251,177	16,630,637	800,385
1920-21 ..	118,862,086	8,909,004	32,813,204	4,027,256
1921-22 ..	193,425,056	11,185,526	45,985,904	3,026,447
1922-23 ..	204,143,606	16,115,971	41,653,344	3,190,805
1923-24 ..	118,152,098	13,067,701	35,578,812	2,751,312
1924-25 ..	117,325,046	14,446,378	53,731,160	4,051,632
1925-26 ..	194,663,036	15,402,800	32,874,047	2,542,626
1926-27 ..	177,653,535	14,305,946	34,463,562	2,181,415
1927-28 ..	158,117,113	15,243,335	32,412,438	2,311,094
1928-29 ..	191,971,504	15,343,225	41,321,453	2,811,204
1929-30 ..	160,674,506	7,889,140	40,305,160	2,668,755
1930-31 ..	175,419,800	6,960,714	61,751,348	3,183,231
1931-32 ..	182,978,607	7,694,531	81,068,322	4,149,713
1932-33 ..	214,621,692	8,638,936	95,492,925	3,865,321
1933-34 ..	189,521,493	13,511,750	76,470,363	2,411,892
1934-35 ..	191,192,361	8,911,908	93,643,352	3,428,217
1935-36 ..	203,451,217	13,299,702	91,714,538	3,751,294
1936-37 ..	195,135,300	15,731,887	90,717,838	4,056,443
1937-38 ..	188,253,625	11,524,625	77,695,589	3,577,351
1938-39 ..	185,808,043	9,545,002	65,462,195	3,245,806
1939-40 ..	171,440,991	12,034,730	109,307,561	6,539,659
1940-41 ..	122,268,889	9,465,370	89,536,377	5,503,189
1941-42 ..	207,169,638	14,969,292	70,309,411	4,354,788
1942-43 ..	126,093,784	10,495,804	61,156,658	4,059,231
1943-44 ..	126,436,289	11,819,518	49,490,628	3,299,164
1944-45 ..	162,928,770	14,613,644	50,340,413	4,381,131
1945-46 ..	148,733,184	14,250,455	57,714,740	5,116,989
1946-47 ..	247,833,125	29,616,603	82,594,500	7,766,346
1947-48 ..	221,907,122	38,985,020	82,259,802	9,212,338
1948-49 ..	279,707,216	60,322,065	74,548,505	9,848,294
1949-50 ..	276,257,358	79,145,249	79,880,052	11,224,357
1950-51 ..	257,520,027	167,796,629	50,389,605	7,803,626
1951-52 ..	265,070,585	90,175,203	15,248,543	2,985,539

* For period of six months to 30th June.

† Australian Currency.

VICTORIA—COMMERCE—continued.

Year.	Exports (Oversea) of—					
	Wheat.		Flour.		Hides and Skins.	Frozen Meats.
	Quantity.	Value.†	Quantity.	Value.†	Value.†	Value.†
	bushels.	£	tons.	£	£	£
1850 ..	85	21	..	..	1,245	..
1860 ..	328	165	995	17,713	141,194	..
1870 ..	5,294	1,458	1,077	13,423	23,141	..
1880 ..	2,378,097	539,421	11,742	113,404	86,127	..
1890 ..	505,025	95,930	7,323	68,036	163,258	..
1900 ..	6,246,645	874,323	21,672	132,398	271,691	432,120
1910 ..	15,319,971	3,091,079	68,766	609,960	1,296,516	888,001
1914* ..	17,579,763	3,260,551	48,113	398,442	552,211	710,018
1914-15	786,432	160,642	21,058	191,214	885,075	1,779,952
1920-21	21,760,063	10,086,400	87,422	1,900,888	784,421	1,036,982
1921-22	32,268,626	9,182,731	145,127	2,157,754	768,010	1,132,230
1922-23	9,252,600	2,498,066	178,812	2,024,921	1,562,572	2,448,056
1923-24	16,762,086	3,922,823	211,685	2,175,854	1,704,857	707,179
1924-25	31,777,857	10,413,976	177,778	2,408,542	2,158,241	1,123,529
1925-26	10,110,257	3,132,983	162,081	2,177,935	2,273,963	1,528,751
1926-27	24,750,755	6,976,711	167,260	2,123,361	2,106,123	1,322,723
1927-28	5,224,235	1,489,426	177,547	2,115,398	2,882,783	840,778
1928-29	24,217,935	5,969,821	216,905	2,260,895	2,938,220	1,724,271
1929-30	2,720,463	690,247	179,452	1,880,057	1,982,804	1,672,823
1930-31	25,673,857	3,016,409	190,269	1,221,250	1,341,673	1,523,016
1931-32	28,021,268	4,246,048	217,872	1,347,302	694,125	1,615,924
1932-33	24,517,332	3,621,571	241,612	1,564,396	873,096	2,090,745
1933-34	9,884,533	1,431,842	216,124	1,285,088	1,749,009	2,287,658
1934-35	11,234,238	1,617,923	263,884	1,734,520	1,361,076	2,873,692
1935-36	16,227,157	2,917,377	257,699	1,875,692	2,106,673	3,244,422
1936-37	20,975,867	5,346,703	233,283	2,292,958	2,703,492	3,764,208
1937-38	27,292,450	6,144,958	279,491	2,644,037	2,387,840	4,075,871
1938-39	5,232,770	932,388	256,231	1,607,110	1,548,609	3,249,475
1939-40	5,414,853	954,061	190,844	1,513,480	1,649,623	3,737,534
1940-41	3,973,657	777,066	274,823	2,683,545	1,755,618	3,427,074
1941-42	3,240,438	684,014	139,713	1,440,342	2,891,239	2,899,207
1942-43	6,652,938	1,522,268	115,879	1,214,573	1,885,480	2,938,810
1943-44	3,951,183	952,342	174,706	1,994,574	3,027,152	2,892,091
1944-45	38,238	10,349	148,658	1,689,926	3,022,446	3,297,949
1945-46	240	122	127,843	2,897,017	4,716,276	1,434,840
1946-47	684,960	312,072	221,476	7,025,624	5,741,589	4,566,010
1947-48	13,225,747	11,626,097	295,666	11,653,993	5,229,018	5,134,699
1948-49	9,695,085	6,943,781	272,887	10,802,761	4,662,529	5,731,402
1949-50	16,860,273	13,278,364	291,269	9,535,345	5,945,863	8,573,986
1950-51	26,733,503	22,506,610	233,221	8,671,746	10,994,099	5,096,699
1951-52	15,882,208	13,589,998	309,903	13,124,676	6,914,365	5,534,554

* Period of six months to 30th June.

† Australian Currency.

VICTORIA—STATE FINANCE.

Year ended June—	Public Revenue.	Public Expenditure.	Expenditure by Government from Loan Funds and on account of Loans. †	Expenditure from Loan Funds and on account of Loans† on—		
				Railways.	Country Water Supply.	Land Settlement.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1836*	..	2,165	..	..	..	..
1840*	255,984	70,129	..	..	..	..
1850*	259,433	196,440	..	..	..	..
1860*	3,082,461	3,315,307	..	..	..	..
1870*	3,261,883	3,428,382	..	..	..	..
1880	4,621,282	4,875,029	1,477,002	1,209,892	81,507	..
1890	8,519,159	9,645,737	4,134,106	3,260,244	361,885	..
1900	7,453,355	7,285,636	1,005,889	595,543	144,149	63,985
1910	8,760,305	8,742,293	1,209,505	657,666	286,823	198,946
1920	15,866,184	15,852,459	7,601,266	982,182	570,028	5,204,308
1926	25,269,756	25,559,583	7,875,567	1,384,747	1,521,533	1,536,978
1927	27,128,700	27,744,903	9,096,180	1,823,777	1,659,898	1,729,469
1928	27,357,917	27,521,270	9,657,411	1,674,906	1,674,411	2,115,925
1929	28,156,034	28,104,947	7,225,704	1,229,521	1,516,023	1,493,127
1930	27,323,842	28,496,712	6,467,067	947,527	1,208,568	1,267,657
1931	25,575,504	28,029,702	3,552,767	455,293	696,146	709,179
1932	24,565,272	26,173,594	2,042,043	163,402	351,119	529,467
1933	24,905,895	25,747,486	2,852,556	156,728	488,072	588,847
1934	24,777,739	25,546,979	2,808,738	194,770	315,870	639,308
1935	25,805,557	25,956,754	2,688,521	218,419	260,736	475,387
1936	26,583,510	26,699,971	3,889,452	280,900	285,473	465,002
1937	27,704,918	27,675,995	3,303,501	361,893	360,792	252,829
1938	28,938,052	28,907,107	3,230,451	492,208	353,606	28,130
1939	28,354,711	29,141,953	3,998,531	354,259	582,327	15,395
1940	29,480,781	29,474,520	3,962,647	865,500	426,825	1,140
1941	30,458,071	30,315,771	2,734,442	641,845	471,369	245
1942	34,111,835	33,319,535	1,870,788	740,271	274,845	..
1943	37,244,562	36,490,231	1,036,087	540,441	75,479	..
1944	36,427,814	35,807,503	1,084,589	486,388	143,178	..
1945	36,235,902	35,886,778	7,938,342	496,294	315,729	..
1946	36,415,207	36,409,473	2,204,134	389,434	432,906	§ 69,378
1947	38,912,209	38,907,176	7,110,880	488,050	1,466,122	§ 2,226,665
1948	43,611,349	44,165,053	11,012,651	479,275	1,893,165	§ 5,408,434
1949	48,968,397	50,351,178	13,280,853	1,344,265	2,251,873	§ 4,181,682
1950	58,287,237	58,546,047	21,708,520	2,655,235	4,149,501	§ 4,844,148
1951	66,815,071	67,158,298	35,308,860	7,044,316	7,124,902	§ 6,095,841
Total to date	..	..	321,731,049	92,159,751	46,289,491	64,397,082

* Year ended 31st December.

† This Loan Expenditure differs from that charged to Loan Funds shown in issues of the Year-Book prior to 1931-32.

‡ As reduced in accordance with Act No. 4429 of 1936.

§ Soldier Settlement.

VICTORIA—PUBLIC DEBT ; INTEREST, ETC.

Financial Year ending in—	Loans Outstanding.			Amount per Head of Population.	
	Amount.	Annual Interest Payable.		Debt.	Annual Interest Payable.
		Total.	Average Rate per cent.		
	£	£		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1855* ..	1,180,000	70,800	6·00	3 4 9	0 3 11
1860* ..	5,643,100	337,905	5·99	10 9 10	0 12 7
1870* ..	12,099,800	699,240	5·78	16 13 1	0 19 3
1880 ..	20,567,700	1,029,991	5·01	24 9 4	1 4 6
1890 ..	41,377,693	1,649,465	3·99	36 19 11	1 9 6
1900 ..	49,325,885	1,887,403	3·83	41 6 8	1 11 8
1910 ..	55,576,725	1,980,099	3·56	43 6 8	1 10 10
1920 ..	87,647,739	3,539,723	4·04	57 19 1	2 6 10
1925 ..	131,169,565	6,319,121	4·82	78 9 11	3 16 3
1930 ..	162,288,994	8,057,125	4·96	90 18 7	4 10 7
1931 ..	167,016,596	8,246,197	4·94	92 16 2	4 12 0
1932 ..	169,833,964	7,134,844	4·20	93 18 9	3 19 1
1933 ..	171,399,031	6,988,870	4·08	94 3 2	3 17 0
1934 ..	175,132,749	6,758,114	3·86	95 16 6	3 14 1
1935 ..	174,160,663	6,581,464	3·78	94 15 2	3 11 8
1936 ..	175,058,285	6,601,375	3·77	94 15 9	3 11 6
1937 ..	176,597,010	6,678,386	3·78	95 3 4	3 12 0
1938 ..	177,228,495	6,718,776	3·79	94 18 6	3 11 11
1939 ..	179,698,118	6,807,309	3·79	95 13 3	3 12 4
1940 ..	180,549,968	6,897,848	3·82	95 0 5	3 12 5
1941 ..	181,219,188	6,897,758	3·81	93 14 6	3 11 2
1942 ..	177,716,484	6,577,395	3·70	90 11 0	3 6 10
1943 ..	175,934,652	6,486,457	3·69	89 2 5	3 5 5
1944 ..	174,762,413	6,387,770	3·66	87 16 5	3 3 11
1945 ..	179,405,191	6,356,658	3·54	89 7 9	3 3 2
1946 ..	179,727,272	6,116,884	3·40	88 15 0	3 0 3
1947 ..	183,096,253	6,240,037	3·41	89 2 2	3 0 9
1948 ..	188,945,517	6,362,333	3·37	90 7 6	3 0 11
1949 ..	202,883,165	6,704,507	3·30	94 16 11	3 2 8
1950 ..	217,412,825	7,091,017	3·26	98 13 11	3 4 5
1951 ..	250,932,713	7,828,898	3 12	110 11 7	3 9 0

* Including outstanding liabilities of the Melbourne and Geelong Corporations Guarantee Loans.

VICTORIA—BANKING.

Year.	Number of Banks.	Joint Stock Banks (excluding Commonwealth Bank).				Savings Banks in Victoria.*	
		Paid-up Capital.	Assets.	Liabilities.	Deposits.	Accounts Open.	Amount on Deposit at end of Year.
		£	£	£	£	No.	£
1854 ..	6	3,367,560	10,536,528	7,494,909	5,068,792	2,761	3,180,020
1860 ..	9	6,134,657	12,693,727	9,238,731	7,225,728	10,135	484,501
1870 ..	10	8,305,224	16,866,405	12,357,571	10,899,026	41,738	1,047,147
1880 ..	11	9,126,250	23,284,822	19,488,512	17,972,703	92,115	1,661,409
1890 ..	16	13,281,790	60,937,955	42,224,084	40,292,065	281,509	5,262,105
1900 ..	11	13,746,458	41,755,928	31,895,571	30,638,285	375,070	9,110,793
1910 ..	11	13,933,729	47,341,431	44,746,441	43,188,975	560,515	15,417,887
1920 ..	17	35,915,745	88,536,893	88,049,750	86,085,423	1,014,223	42,317,863
1925-26	15	45,928,051	92,845,850	91,953,493	90,067,719	1,396,438	63,253,526
1926-27	14	51,706,539	99,961,588	93,538,580	91,923,909	1,455,581	65,352,618
1927-28	14	54,338,895	101,926,003	93,414,007	91,916,458	1,515,097	68,826,768
1928-29	14	55,197,989	105,036,480	100,035,499	98,457,790	1,575,089	72,706,991
1929-30	14	48,461,495	105,529,578	90,227,553	88,959,734	1,619,940	69,367,253
1930-31	14	48,740,685	118,055,154	92,964,023	91,754,071	1,620,560	63,242,527
1931-32	13	47,825,431	133,330,107	114,523,288	113,108,273	1,557,556†	65,680,220
1932-33	12	47,373,283	132,455,266	106,488,445	105,285,163	1,586,508†	67,813,544
1933-34	12	44,147,476†	143,102,080	115,404,500	114,138,817	1,623,489†	69,971,410
1934-35	12	43,617,487†	132,719,413	110,644,546	109,514,113	1,666,480†	72,018,712
1935-36	12	43,617,487†	129,001,403	110,924,212	109,729,144	1,714,060†	73,890,119
1936-37	12	43,617,487†	127,948,290	119,607,135	118,341,912	1,762,302†	75,720,457
1937-38	12	43,617,487†	130,339,769	121,635,257	120,216,373	1,809,257†	78,876,999
1938-39	12	43,617,487†	131,148,372	119,688,424	118,312,332	1,847,788†	80,461,039
1939-40	12	43,623,487†	154,951,800	133,237,793	131,422,174	1,892,036†	79,145,337
1940-41	12	43,623,487†	168,018,334	136,995,427	135,160,643	1,958,503†	85,689,012
1941-42	12	43,623,487†	194,114,258	142,222,304	140,216,306	2,032,122†	94,225,635
1942-43	12	43,623,487†	247,872,978	162,967,506	161,085,681	2,139,816†	121,248,663
1943-44	12	43,623,487†	301,841,753	182,555,670	180,501,170	2,266,718†	153,886,941
1944-45	12	43,623,487†	322,212,491	194,844,567	192,506,397	2,366,594†	182,149,475
1945-46	12	43,623,487†	§	§	§	2,441,195†	211,325,598
1946-47	12	43,623,487†	§	§	§	2,486,154†	216,106,865
1947-48	11	43,599,513†	§	§	§	2,549,722†	226,401,428
1948-49	11	43,599,513†	§	§	§	2,614,732†	239,245,711
1949-50	11	43,599,513†	§	§	§	2,706,991†	257,120,666
1950-51	11	43,599,513†	§	§	§	2,808,559	281,778,992

* Including (1) Trustees Savings Banks, established in 1842, and Post Office Savings Banks, (opened in 1865), both of which were merged into the State Savings Bank of Victoria in 1897; (2) the State Savings Bank of Victoria from 1897; and (3) the Commonwealth Savings Bank in Victoria, which commenced business on 15th July, 1912.

† Excluding particulars relating to the Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris.

‡ Figures for 1931-32 and subsequent years exclude the inoperative accounts of the Commonwealth Savings Bank.

§ Not available.

VICTORIA—LIFE ASSURANCE.

Year.	Ordinary Policies in Force.				Industrial Policies in Force.			
	Number of Policies.	Amount Assured.	Annual Premiums.	Average Amount of Policy.	Number of Policies.	Amount Assured.	Annual Premiums.	Average Amount of Policy.
		£'000	£'000	£		£'000	£'000	£
1910	157,730	33,776	1,162	214	134,325	2,719	153	20
1915	192,646	40,287	1,389	209	188,460	4,115	261	22
1916	197,772	41,469	1,463	210	203,819	4,676	296	23
1917	204,655	43,272	1,534	211	220,826	5,117	337	23
1918	211,994	45,668	1,594	215	241,730	5,896	391	24
1919	222,284	48,802	1,697	220	262,681	6,854	453	26
1920	238,414	53,287	1,860	223	286,106	8,119	529	28
1925	280,096	72,595	2,512	259	440,566	16,733	1,034	38
1926	277,154	75,350	2,607	272	470,037	18,404	1,136	39
1927	281,089	79,165	2,737	282	500,025	20,229	1,245	40
1928	284,369	82,483	2,837	290	527,467	21,932	1,346	42
1929	288,847	86,827	2,992	301	552,943	23,582	1,442	43
1930	289,242	89,441	3,090	309	552,707	23,874	1,440	43
1931	274,792	85,979	2,940	313	543,084	23,389	1,417	43
1932	274,484	87,048	2,961	317	566,131	24,399	1,472	43
1933	276,809	89,190	3,015	322	594,660	25,641	1,541	43
1934	283,476	92,539	3,121	326	633,951	27,418	1,650	43
1935	296,987	99,388	3,351	335	676,621	29,523	1,773	44
1936	317,151	107,419	3,706	339	726,869	31,992	1,921	44
1937	337,306	115,424	3,905	342	780,090	34,725	2,084	45
1938	350,128	120,479	4,082	344	801,558	35,927	2,151	45
1939	364,292	126,287	4,265	347	831,310	37,586	2,254	45
1940	373,359	130,496	4,384	350	870,758	39,548	2,375	45
1941	386,667	136,020	4,581	352	926,392	42,699	2,546	46
1942	398,507	140,406	4,754	352	960,038	45,042	2,677	47
1943	409,316	146,395	4,988	358	997,090	47,744	2,826	48
1944	425,320	155,293	5,348	365	1,034,709	50,831	2,995	49
1945	444,725	167,560	5,799	377	1,069,619	54,043	3,164	51
1946	481,765	189,607	6,650	394	1,119,476	58,660	3,402	52
1947	530,255	216,493	7,603	408	1,151,649	62,893	3,569	55
1948	580,559	246,528	8,680	425	1,182,404	67,879	3,757	57
1949	622,439	274,736	9,683	441	1,206,574	72,646	3,929	60
1950	663,822	310,683	10,923	468	1,227,607	77,108	4,089	63
1951	717,255	360,500	12,697	503	1,240,361	81,458	4,242	66

VICTORIA—INSURANCE (OTHER THAN LIFE).

Year.	Revenue in Victoria.			Expenditure in Victoria.			
	Premiums.	Other.	Total.	Losses.	Commission and Agents' Charges.	Other.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£		£
1910 ..	851,949	40,198	892,147	353,348	340,297		693,645
1915 ..	1,426,456	57,919	1,484,375	569,695	516,215		1,085,910
1919 ..	1,940,085	86,124	2,026,209	794,499	753,912		1,548,411
1920 ..	2,324,700	101,210	2,425,910	676,486	317,982	598,823	1,593,291
1921 ..	2,501,200	120,604	2,621,804	891,573	328,221	706,656	1,926,450
1922 ..	2,512,430	130,495	2,642,925	833,576	352,039	697,120	1,882,735
1923 ..	2,702,081	117,995	2,820,076	1,107,396	377,242	698,777	2,183,415
1924 ..	3,014,988	133,142	3,148,130	1,499,664	408,841	788,623	2,697,128
1925 ..	3,166,387	127,385	3,293,772	1,733,234	488,042	833,471	3,014,747
1925-26	3,209,767	164,266	3,374,033	1,884,518	455,444	851,774	3,191,736
1926-27	3,463,648	182,641	3,646,289	1,712,495	501,391	891,295	3,105,181
1927-28	3,493,037	163,232	3,656,269	1,645,649	498,834	921,728	3,066,211
1928-29	3,571,986	186,894	3,758,880	1,507,074	530,069	971,552	3,008,695
1929-30	3,569,734	200,143	3,769,877	1,975,075	538,633	961,606	3,475,314
1930-31	3,240,266	190,309	3,430,575	1,587,632	486,566	953,672	3,027,870
1931-32	3,069,444	174,665	3,244,109	1,335,781	435,310	908,826	2,679,917
1932-33	3,078,295	181,242	3,259,537	1,204,754	448,509	871,858	2,525,121
1933-34	3,112,691	190,907	3,303,598	1,233,843	456,662	867,654	2,558,159
1934-35	3,234,259	206,413	3,440,672	1,313,394	488,566	869,228	2,671,188
1935-36	3,551,378	205,689	3,757,067	1,516,927	522,631	889,490	2,929,048
1936-37	4,004,098	215,529	4,219,627	1,842,139	562,528	936,656	3,341,323
1937-38	4,411,492	232,980	4,644,472	1,913,732	605,306	1,005,420	3,524,458
1938-39	4,504,447	231,896	4,736,343	2,193,869	622,655	1,061,696	3,878,220
1939-40	4,730,834	235,873	4,966,707	2,288,489	646,936	1,129,328	4,064,753
1940-41	5,101,619	251,303	5,352,922	2,247,720	643,194	1,152,603	4,043,517
1941-42	5,810,151	335,512	6,145,663	2,225,231	647,523	1,428,996	4,301,750
1942-43	6,017,667	266,197	6,283,864	2,196,106	651,529	1,647,950	4,495,585
1943-44	5,805,576	333,684	6,139,260	2,274,961	653,692	1,754,960	4,683,613
1944-45	5,622,641	364,179	5,986,820	2,800,693	680,718	1,696,234	5,177,645
1945-46	5,785,433	345,954	6,131,387	2,225,397	727,352	1,690,191	4,642,940
1946-47	7,114,616	404,344	7,518,960	3,009,729	835,956	1,902,537	5,748,222
1947-48	9,406,246	439,222	9,845,468	4,469,642	1,061,345	2,169,485	7,700,472
1948-49	11,994,160	526,186	12,520,346	5,494,328	1,352,998	2,595,838	9,443,164
1949-50	14,578,715	677,856	15,256,571	6,456,037	1,635,362	3,079,009	11,179,408
1950-51	18,024,226	734,531	18,758,757	9,041,662	1,988,756	3,733,117	14,763,535

VICTORIA.—FRIENDLY SOCIETIES (EXCLUSIVE OF DISPENSARIES.)*

At end of Year.	Number of Societies.	Number of Branches.†	Number of Members Contributing for Sick and Funeral Benefits.	Receipts during Year.‡	Total Funds.	Amount of all Funds per Sick and Funeral Benefit Member.
				£	£	£ s. d.
1865 ..	13	313	26,606	81,083	116,418	4 7 6
1870 ..	22	592	39,160	117,295	189,110	4 16 7
1880 ..	33	748	46,385	171,987	450,719	9 14 4
1890 ..	33	1,003	88,134	322,747	909,504	10 6 5
1900 ..	30	1,132	98,985	372,631	1,318,165	13 6 4
1905 ..	26	1,306	111,557	412,180	1,626,555	14 11 7
1910 ..	48	1,475	142,275	534,616	2,122,602	14 18 5
1915 ..	45	1,533	157,750	634,649	2,775,787	17 11 11
1920 ..	55	1,475	143,021	681,232	3,173,678	22 3 10
1924-25 ..	58	1,470	155,378	800,028	4,065,808	26 3 4
1925-26 ..	62	1,467	157,820	820,550	4,280,400	27 2 5
1926-27 ..	59	1,473	160,411	907,025	4,513,972	28 2 10
1927-28 ..	59	1,481	161,850	951,700	4,758,383	29 8 0
1928-29 ..	58	1,484	164,307	1,051,104	4,934,020	30 0 7
1929-30 ..	55	1,471	164,899	885,246	5,120,417	31 1 0
1930-31 ..	52	1,469	161,448	879,325	5,291,238	32 15 6
1931-32 ..	52	1,473	158,920	856,830	5,411,154	34 1 0
1932-33 ..	50	1,443	158,516	960,245	5,486,050	34 12 2
1933-34 ..	49	1,449	160,816	842,114	5,589,769	34 15 2
1934-35 ..	55	1,444	166,180	881,030	5,704,060	34 6 6
1935-36 ..	59	1,449	172,290	924,098	5,848,236	33 18 11
1936-37 ..	67	1,459	180,462	948,685	5,979,548	33 2 8
1937-38 ..	76	1,478	189,042	1,018,606	6,163,347	32 12 1
1938-39 ..	77	1,477	187,330	1,030,498	6,305,458	33 13 2
1939-40 ..	83	1,475	191,864	1,048,857	6,460,387	33 13 5
1940-41 ..	83	1,471	195,902	1,082,004	6,626,562	33 16 6
1941-42 ..	84	1,457	200,179	1,097,871	6,792,754	33 18 8
1942-43 ..	89	1,462	202,643	1,106,007	6,968,009	34 7 9
1943-44 ..	92	1,458	205,003	1,149,718	7,169,687	34 19 6
1944-45 ..	102	1,459	206,527	1,192,108	7,377,593	35 14 5
1945-46 ..	109	1,463	204,513	1,236,552	7,568,888	37 0 2
1946-47 ..	111	1,465	205,955	1,236,871	7,724,112	37 10 1
1947-48 ..	112	1,463	205,433	1,271,081	7,870,434	38 6 3
1948-49 ..	107	1,460	203,297	1,487,011	8,173,177	40 4 1
1949-50 ..	108	1,449	200,131	1,505,149	8,380,923	41 17 7
1950-51 ..	107	1,436	193,851	1,583,151	8,614,567	44 8 9

* The figures prior to 1880 do not represent particulars of all the Friendly Societies in the State, but only of such as furnished returns. For that year and subsequent years the returns are complete. The assets of the Dispensaries at the end of 1950-51 amounted to £375,686.

† Prior to 1932-33 each society without branches was recorded as a society and as a branch.

‡ Excluding inter-fund transfers since the year 1926-27. Such transfers were not excluded prior to the year 1927-28.

VICTORIA—STATE RAILWAYS.

Year.	Miles Con- structed.	Capital Cost of Lines Opened, Equipment, and Rolling Stock.	Total Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Total Miles Run.
		£	£	£	
1880 ..	1,199	18,041,295	1,492,917	814,075	4,380,802
1889-90 ..	2,471	32,588,375	3,131,866	2,132,158	11,773,152
1899-1900 ..	3,186	39,496,247	3,025,162	1,902,540	10,107,549
1909-10 ..	3,544	43,091,478	4,455,748	2,827,735	12,045,866
1920-21 ..	4,322	60,012,250	9,851,908	8,093,869	16,583,638
1921-22 ..	4,372	63,186,759	10,857,853	8,287,146	15,830,605
1922-23 ..	4,389	64,938,085	11,413,782	8,442,214	16,323,481
1923-24 ..	4,488	66,212,984	12,025,987	8,982,880	17,245,219
1924-25 ..	4,537	67,470,720	12,830,283	9,704,455	18,172,188
1925-26 ..	4,681	69,181,724	12,743,566	9,833,240	18,267,000
1926-27 ..	4,692	70,668,661	13,760,769	10,521,032	18,781,264
1927-28 ..	4,749	72,658,978	12,953,039	10,166,136	19,302,971
1928-29 ..	4,751	73,438,071	13,262,387	9,833,459	19,022,771
1929-30 ..	4,764	74,612,008	12,088,013	9,598,893	18,708,773
1930-31 ..	4,773	74,717,864	10,089,884	7,770,341	16,957,378
1931-32 ..	4,777	74,827,429	9,530,812	6,401,519	16,269,092
1932-33 ..	4,777	75,116,987	9,520,870	6,572,789*	16,235,292
1933-34 ..	4,777	75,638,229	9,249,866	6,431,790*	16,222,395
1934-35 ..	4,777	75,864,803	9,498,705	6,691,490*	16,456,104
1935-36 ..	4,777	76,212,430	9,769,463	6,925,960*	17,345,725
1936-37 ..	4,777	76,722,152	10,221,003	7,326,841*	18,171,670
1937-38 ..	4,777	50,683,029†	9,809,158	7,900,053*	18,889,686
1938-39 ..	4,816	51,261,688†	9,360,329	8,137,622*	18,875,525
1939-40 ..	4,816	50,878,076†	9,942,448	8,133,174*	18,032,670
1940-41 ..	4,816	50,866,372†	11,330,220	9,053,928*	18,837,283
1941-42 ..	4,840	51,241,237†	14,614,837	11,683,316*	19,170,009
1942-43 ..	4,840	51,166,704†	17,120,223	14,118,941*	19,240,328
1943-44 ..	4,840	51,027,258†	15,974,634	13,295,896*	17,210,382
1944-45 ..	4,840	51,016,594†	15,352,493	12,914,088*	17,141,093
1945-46 ..	4,840	51,400,176†	14,768,322	12,615,559*	17,169,873
1946-47 ..	4,840	51,780,160†	13,662,846	13,007,672*	16,399,399
1947-48 ..	4,840	52,293,858†	16,421,057	15,335,060*	17,758,784
1948-49 ..	4,840	53,153,980†	17,371,706	17,938,390*	18,314,638
1949-50 ..	4,840	55,862,995†	22,160,515	20,117,563*	18,518,802
1950-51 ..	4,840	60,613,915†	20,540,790	20,949,294*	14,873,139

N.B.—Above information includes particulars of the following activities under the control of the Railways Commissioners:—(a) Electric Street Tramways, which were established in 1906, and (b) Road Motor Services, which commenced operations on 30th November, 1925.

* Exclusive of amounts charged to other funds, viz.:—1932-33, £69,135; 1933-34, £251,104; 1934-35, £171,939; 1935-36, £137,871; 1936-37, £162,061; 1937-38, £148,233 and £297,400 charged to Public Account Advances Account Act No. 4499; 1938-39, £139,302; 1939-40, £436,406; 1940-41, £299,580; 1941-42, £51,548; 1942-43, £31,281; 1943-44, £18,608; 1944-45, £3,240; 1945-46, £46,388; 1946-47, £91,490; 1947-48, £244,004; 1948-49, £257,630; 1949-50, £94,609; 1950-51, £67,072.

† Written down as from 1st July 1937, in accordance with Act No. 4429 of 1936.

VICTORIA—EDUCATION.

Year.	State Primary Schools.				Registered Schools.†			
	No. of Schools.	Instructors.†	Scholars Enrolled.	Estimated net Enrolment.	No. of Schools.	Instructors.	Scholars Enrolled.	Estimated net Enrolment.
1880 (31st December)	1,810	4,215	229,723	195,736	643	1,516	*	28,134
1890 (31st December)	2,170	4,708	250,097	213,886	791	2,037	*	40,181
1900 (31st December)	1,948	4,977	243,667	218,240	884	2,348	*	48,483
1909-10 ..	2,036	4,957	235,042	206,263	641	2,067	*	49,964
1914-15 ..	2,227	6,085	250,264	218,427	509	1,879	*	52,638
1920 (31st December)	2,333	6,637	247,337	213,738	489	1,950	*	59,314
1925	2,525	7,020	255,101	220,295	495	2,212	*	64,835
1926	2,529	6,715	255,779	221,592	493	2,210	73,249	65,180
1927	2,564	7,166	258,205	223,215	483	2,253	72,561	65,026
1928	2,566	7,172	257,562	225,946	500	2,325	75,139	65,245
1929	2,691	7,448	258,872	226,659	501	2,249	75,886	65,418
1930	2,598	7,665	260,319	228,756	502	2,400	75,944	68,556
1931	2,590	7,613	261,673	232,286	505	2,286	73,342	66,671
1932	2,613	7,461	262,417	232,586	504	2,309	73,710	66,225
1933	2,609	7,371	264,697	234,174	508	2,400	73,845	67,861
1934	2,617	7,397	259,750	230,470	510	2,498	75,783	69,792
1935	2,606	7,353	256,564	226,728	518	2,501	78,014	71,472
1936	2,600	7,314	250,070	219,645	520	2,556	79,793	73,084
1937	2,589	7,394	234,228	209,043	520	2,492	78,903	73,099
1938	2,491	7,242	227,233	201,457	516	2,654	80,161	74,299
1939	2,585	7,316	222,012	195,417	514	2,719	80,655	75,398
1940	2,569	7,271	218,874	190,713	518	2,733	81,377	75,743
1941	2,542	7,222	213,159	185,611	518	2,744	81,308	76,305
1942	2,480	6,940	201,006	173,078	513	2,754	81,160	75,017
1943	2,458	6,953	191,138	173,054	508	2,853	84,511	80,327
1944	2,360	7,279	187,730	170,244	502	2,952	85,607	81,361
1945	2,318	6,212	181,812	165,213	495	2,970	86,821	82,929
1946	2,247	7,107	186,910	167,308	493	2,998	88,635	84,379
1947	2,182	6,870	190,433	170,898	488	3,011	88,088	83,964
1948	2,115	7,139	194,800	175,265	489	3,088	90,145	85,721
1949	2,066	7,247	205,053	184,543	489	3,102	92,181	88,155
1950	2,016	7,336	221,102	194,906	488	3,192	98,067	92,948

* Not available

† Exclusive of teachers temporarily employed.

‡ Includes particulars of registered commercial colleges.

VICTORIA—EXPENDITURE ON ROADS BY THE COUNTRY ROADS BOARD.

(Excluding Grants to Municipalities under section 38 of the *Country Roads Act* 1928, No. 3662.)

Year.	Main Roads.		State Highways—Construction and Maintenance.	Developmental Roads—Construction.	Other Road Works.	Total.
	Construction.	Maintenance.				
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1913-14 ..	24,440	9,490	..	..	..	33,930
1914-15 ..	342,681	49,888	..	..	..	392,569
1919-20 ..	336,331	192,303	..	315,701	..	844,335
1924-25 ..	228,871	463,065	5,117	830,698	..	1,527,751
1929-30 ..	232,225	680,177	892,129	704,385	2,563	2,511,479
1934-35 ..	166,002	700,074	360,503	323,220	..	1,549,799
1935-36 ..	235,015	679,066	484,673	578,084	..	1,976,838
1936-37 ..	299,362	752,628	412,541	463,087	1,701	1,929,319
1937-38 ..	187,922	749,946	425,047	542,240	2,844	1,907,999
1938-39 ..	231,481	802,920	455,923	591,072	17,388	2,098,784
1939-40 ..	194,663	699,691	509,671	572,880	113,941†	2,090,846
1940-41 ..	83,236	646,836	392,510	362,352	33,707†	1,518,641
1941-42 ..	27,199	411,170	237,136	122,017	148,223†	945,745
1942-43 ..	5,707	323,837	203,964	116,820	731,349†	1,381,677
1943-44 ..	23,022	399,866	240,729	139,005	925,741†	1,728,363
1944-45 ..	43,794	490,707	251,047	183,568	733,092†	1,702,208
1945-46 ..	40,947	550,171	261,956	202,374	8,711	1,064,159

Year.	Main Roads—Construction and Maintenance.	State Highways—Construction and Maintenance.	Tourist and Forest Roads.	Unclassified Roads.	Other Road Works.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1946-47 ..	1,010,491	597,180	116,072	252,946	9,518	1,986,207
1947-48 ..	1,374,540	1,181,382	128,004	436,467	7,411	3,127,804
1948-49 ..	1,137,193	894,600	139,627	458,473	9,193	2,639,086
1949-50 ..	1,265,497	1,340,588	194,015	378,179	6,756	3,185,035
1950-51 ..	2,059,075	2,077,175	275,731	937,692	12,350	5,362,023

† Includes Commonwealth Defence Works.

VICTORIA—MATERNITY ALLOWANCES, CHILD ENDOWMENT, AGE AND
INVALID PENSIONS.

(Commonwealth Social Services.)

Year ended 30th June.	Maternity Allowances.		Child Endowment.		Age and Invalid Pensions.		
	Number Granted during Year.	Amount Paid in Allowances during Year.	Endowed Children.	Amounts Expended.	Age.	Invalid.	Amounts Expended.
	No.	£	No.	£	No.	No.	£
1910..	..	..	..	..	20,218	..	470,656
1915..	Not available.		..	..	28,365	6,054	839,718
1920..	32,903	164,515	..	..	29,565	10,277	1,348,100
1921..	36,778	183,890	..	..	30,385	11,174	1,533,430
1922..	36,257	181,285	..	..	30,958	11,444	1,581,898
1923..	36,260	181,300	..	..	31,248	11,707	1,589,362
1924..	35,721	178,605	..	..	32,603	12,220	1,968,878
1925..	36,971	184,855	..	..	33,845	12,950	2,051,151
1926..	36,025	180,125	..	..	36,800	14,062	2,382,819
1927..	35,202	176,010	..	..	38,702	15,327	2,688,366
1928..	35,656	178,280	..	..	40,642	16,398	2,917,180
1929..	34,132	170,660	..	..	42,795	17,557	3,004,907
1930..	33,381	166,905	..	..	45,495	18,641	3,182,375
1931..	32,241	161,205	..	..	49,999	19,925	3,445,803
1932..	23,988	98,800	..	..	52,795	20,785	3,255,709
1933..	20,100	80,400	..	..	49,449	20,191	3,059,773
1934..	19,499	77,996	..	..	57,253	15,193	3,053,247
1935..	19,940	85,834	..	..	58,059	17,253	3,213,895
1936..	19,672	85,508	..	..	60,546	17,741	3,463,701
1937..	20,350	94,988	..	..	62,755	18,282	3,750,068
1938..	20,160	101,721	..	..	65,203	18,817	4,218,918
1939..	20,819	110,218	..	..	67,896	19,471	4,307,432
1940..	19,660	105,310	..	..	76,081	12,739	4,413,702
1941..	19,150	102,175	..	..	76,371	12,447	4,588,266
1942..	16,120	86,392	224,155*	2,809,529	75,240	12,550	5,037,118
1943..	11,874	63,635	223,426*	2,902,616	72,102	11,938	5,715,268
1944..	38,653	590,648	226,012*	3,014,497	69,156	12,446	5,787,445†
1945..	40,582	647,970	229,141*	2,984,645	67,240	12,598	5,604,739†
1946..	40,991	649,648	234,766*	4,464,619	69,308	13,599	6,822,535†
1947..	50,730	787,843	245,480*	4,908,921	74,770	14,673	7,350,132†
1948..	46,027	744,232	255,859*	4,842,140	78,057	15,165	9,144,961†
1949..	46,309	732,621	270,189*	6,153,650	81,753	15,575	10,244,132†
1950..	49,035	777,920	456,755*	7,663,336	84,831	14,328	10,783,587†
1951..	50,210	807,030	610,699*	10,948,350	86,210	13,977	11,958,534†

* Commenced 1st July, 1941 and includes endowed children in institutions. From 20th June, 1950, endowment payable in respect of all children under sixteen years of age.

† Includes payments in respect of allowances to wives of Invalid pensioners.

VICTORIA—WAR AND SERVICE PENSIONS.

Year ended 30th June.	War Pensions in Respect of—		Amount Paid Each Year in War Pensions. *	Service Pensions in Respect of—		Amount Paid Each Year in Service Pensions.
	Members of the Forces.	Dependants of Members of the Forces.		Members of the Forces.	Dependants of Members of the Forces.	
	No.	No.	£	No.	No.	£
1918 ..	34,341		1,128,478	..	..	..
1919 ..	59,486		1,720,472	..	..	..
1920 ..	74,226		1,932,138	..	..	..
1921 ..	26,053	48,748	2,167,490	..	..	..
1922 ..	25,141	50,523	2,064,114	..	..	..
1923 ..	24,686	53,396	2,082,054	..	..	..
1924 ..	24,214	55,344	2,047,942	..	..	..
1925 ..	23,834	57,919	2,060,526	..	..	..
1926 ..	23,569	60,684	2,105,012	..	..	..
1927 ..	23,514	62,966	2,139,592	..	..	..
1928 ..	23,523	64,931	2,170,412	..	..	..
1929 ..	23,837	66,801	2,224,352	..	..	..
1930 ..	24,536	69,348	2,296,164	..	..	..
1931 ..	25,066	71,136	2,338,076	..	..	..
1932 ..	25,591	66,896	2,253,005	..	..	..
1933 ..	25,573	65,793	2,086,389	..	..	..
1934 ..	25,517	65,128	2,134,218	..	..	..
1935 ..	25,455	64,112	2,238,734	..	..	..
1936 ..	25,665	61,919	2,276,024	604	282	7,557
1937 ..	25,750	58,554	2,326,414	1,203	854	54,127
1938 ..	25,721	59,293	2,334,448	1,542	1,127	84,365
1939 ..	25,569	56,676	2,353,107	1,876	1,330	103,291
1940 ..	25,334	52,778	2,317,417	2,080	1,389	118,577
1941 ..	25,107	49,013	2,252,227	2,092	1,353	126,975
1942 ..	25,375	46,928	2,255,233	3,034	1,462	140,916
1943 ..	25,921	45,834	2,497,300	2,105	1,204	163,115
1944 ..	27,552	45,916	3,022,522	2,071	1,193	163,330
1945 ..	30,138	48,089	3,245,026	2,145	1,148	169,715
1946 ..	36,020	57,006	3,640,063	2,296	1,106	206,275
1947 ..	39,711	61,268	4,081,324	2,589	1,134	239,649
1948 ..	41,931	64,933	4,436,021	2,793	1,192	288,084
1949 ..	44,025	69,223	5,249,295	2,736	1,154	322,659
1950 ..	46,553	75,040	5,857,536	2,784	1,099	347,274
1951 ..	49,115	82,784	7,556,818	2,696	1,071	357,022

* From 1918 to 1931 the figures are the annual rates in force at the end of each year.

MELBOURNE—BASIC WEEKLY WAGE RATES FIXED BY COMMONWEALTH
COURT OF CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION.

(Adult Males.)

Payable from—	Amount.	Payable from—	Amount.	Payable from—	Amount.
	s. d.		s. d.		s. d.
1907	42 0	1928—		1937—	
1911	45 6	February ..	89 6	March ..	69 0
1914	50 6	May ..	88 0	June ..	69 0
1915	53 0	August ..	87 6	July ..	72 0 (d)
1916	61 6	November ..	86 0	September ..	73 0
1917	63 0	1929—		October ..	76 0 (d)
1918	62 0	February ..	86 0	December ..	77 0
1919	65 0	May ..	89 6	1938—	
1920	71 0	August ..	90 0	March ..	77 0
1921	86 0	November ..	90 0	June ..	77 0
1922—		1930—		September ..	78 0
February ..	80 6	February ..	90 0	December ..	79 0
May ..	78 0	May ..	86 0	1939—	
August ..	81 0	August ..	85 6	March ..	79 0
November ..	82 6	November ..	83 0	June ..	81 0
1923—		1931— ..		September ..	81 0
February ..	82 0	February ..	70 2 (a)	December ..	80 0
May ..	81 6	May ..	68 5	1940—	
August ..	87 6	August ..	65 8	February ..	81 0
November ..	91 6	November ..	63 5	May ..	82 0
1924—		1932—		August ..	84 0
February ..	87 6	February ..	63 5	November ..	84 0
May ..	85 6	May ..	63 11	1941—	
August ..	85 0	August ..	63 0	February ..	86 0
November ..	84 6	November ..	61 8	May ..	87 0
1925—		1933—		August ..	87 0
February ..	84 0	February ..	60 4	November ..	88 0
May ..	85 6	May ..	63 4 (b)	1942—	
August ..	87 0	August ..	62 5	February ..	89 0
November ..	87 6	November ..	62 10	May ..	92 0
1926—		1934—		August ..	94 0
February ..	87 6	February ..	63 4	November ..	97 0
May ..	88 6	May ..	64 0 (c)	1943—	
August ..	92 0	June ..	64 0	February ..	98 0
November ..	89 0	September ..	64 0	May ..	98 0
1927—		December ..	64 0	August ..	99 0
February ..	88 6	1935—		November ..	98 0
May ..	87 6	March ..	66 0	1944—	
August ..	87 0	June ..	66 0	February ..	97 0
November ..	90 0	September ..	66 0	May ..	97 0
		December ..	66 0	August ..	98 0
		1936—		November ..	98 0
		March ..	66 0	1945—	
		June ..	66 0	February ..	98 0
		September ..	66 0	May ..	98 0
		December ..	69 0	August ..	98 0
				November ..	98 0

MELBOURNE—BASIC WEEKLY WAGE RATES FIXED BY COMMONWEALTH
COURT OF CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION.—*continued.*
(Adult Males.)

Payable from—	Amount.	Payable from—	Amount.	Payable from—	Amount.
	<i>s. d.</i>		<i>s. d.</i>		<i>s. d.</i>
1946—		1949—		1951—	
February ..	98 0	February ..	123 0	February ..	170 0
May ..	98 0	May ..	125 0	May ..	177 0
August ..	99 0	August ..	128 0	August ..	189 0
November ..	99 0	November ..	130 0	November ..	199 0
December ..	106 0(e)				
1947—		1950—		1952—	
February ..	107 0	February ..	134 0	February ..	209 0
May ..	107 0	May ..	137 0	May ..	212 0
August ..	108 0	August ..	140 0	August ..	224 0
November ..	109 0	November ..	143 0	November ..	228 0
1948—		December ..	162 0(f)	1953—	
February ..	113 0			February ..	229 0
May ..	115 0				
August ..	117 0				
November ..	120 0				

(a) Ten per cent. "cut" operated; (b) "D" series introduced; (c) "C" series introduced and ten per cent. "cut" ceased to operate; (d) "Prosperity" loading (3s.) added; (e) Interim basic wage adjustment of 13th December, 1946; (f) Court decision (12th October, 1950).

Note.—The system of making regular quarterly adjustments was instituted in 1922.

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